



NOTICE THE POPULATION

Extension

Rural Fire Warning – Preventive Measures

I. SITUATION

According to the information provided by the IPMA, it **is expected to extend the favourable weather conditions for the increase of the fire risk will worsen**, especially in the coming days, in particular **until 25 August**:

- **Temperature increase** to above average levels, ranging from 30°C to 35°C, **reaching levels above 35°C**, in the interior;
- Light to **moderate winds** from the east quadrant, blowing, **temporarily with strong gusts (up to 40 km / h)**;
- **Relative humidity values decreasing to 20% - 30%** in the afternoon, with **no more than 50% at night**, including in coastal regions;

2. EXPECTED EFFECTS

- **Increased fire risk to very high and maximum levels in the whole territory, determined by the weather conditions mentioned above and by the dryness of the vegetation.**
- **Increased risk of ignitions by human activity in rural areas.**



3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The National Emergency Civil Protection Authority reminds the population that during the CRITICAL PERIOD (July 1 to September 30) the following applies:

- **DO NOT** undertake Extensive Burns without AUTHORIZATION. Inquire at your town hall or at 808 200 520.
- **It is forbidden** to burn heaped debris without AUTHORIZATION. Inquire at your town hall or at 808 200 520.
- **It is forbidden** to use stoves and grills throughout the countryside unless used outside critical areas and in duly authorized places.
- **No smoking** or making any kind of fire in forest spaces.
- **It is forbidden** to launch balloons with wicks and rockets. The use of fireworks is only allowed with permission of the town hall.
- **It is forbidden** to fumigate or disinfect apiaries unless the fumigators have spark arrest devices.
- **It is forbidden** to use strimmers (except if they have nylon thread), cutters and shredders on Maximum Risk days. Avoid using metal discs harrows.
- **Spark retention devices and flame covers must be used on exhaust pipes and chimneys of machinery with internal or external combustion engines and on heavy transport vehicles.** One or two 6 kg fire extinguishers must be carried depending on whether the maximum weight is less or more than ten tonnes
- **Must use spark arrestors and flame arrestors on exhaust pipes and chimneys of internal and external combustion engines** on heavy haulage vehicles and 1 or 2 6 kg extinguishers, depending on whether the maximum weight is less than or greater than 10 tons.

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority also recommends the adaptation of behaviours and attitudes to the rural fire risk situation, namely through the adoption of the necessary preventive and precautionary measures, in the use of fire in rural spaces, observing the restrictions in force. Pay particular attention to the evolution of the fire danger for the coming days, available on the ANEPC, IPMA and ICNF websites, or from the Forestry Technical Offices of the City Councils and Fire Departments.

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