



## NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

### RURAL FIRE DANGER – PREVENTIVE MEASURES

#### I. SITUATION

The Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA) foresees, for the next few days (7 to 9 October), a worsening of the danger of rural fires, highlighting the following aspects:

- Increase in maximum temperature with particular impact on the Central, Lisbon and Tagus Valley and Alentejo, with maximum temperatures of 38° and minimum temperatures of 25C. Temperature above average for the time of year;
- Low relative humidity during the afternoon in the North and Center interior and in the South region, with poor night time recovery;
- Generally weak wind from the east quadrant. In the central and southern highlands, winds of up to 30 km/h, intensifying to 40 km/h from east-southeast, with gusts in the Algarve Mountains on the 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Worsening of the danger of Rural Fire for the entire continental territory, values ranging from VERY HIGH to MAXIMUM in the regions of Centre, Middle Tagus Sub-Region, Lisbon and Tagus Valley Region and Algarve.

Follow weather information at [www.ipma.pt](http://www.ipma.pt)

#### 2. EXPECTED EFFECTS

- Worsening of the fire danger for most of the continental territory, due to forecast weather conditions;
- Increased probability of rural fires occurring, due to the use of fire in agricultural practices.

#### 3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority (ANEPC) recalls that, in accordance with the legal provisions in force:

- Extensive burning is **PROHIBITED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION**. Get informed on your camera municipal or via 808 200 520;



- On Very High and Maximum fire risk days, it is PROHIBITED to burn cut and piled waste WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION or WITHOUT PRIOR COMMUNICATION. Find out from your City Hall or via 808 200 520;
- On very high and maximum fire risk days, it is PROHIBITED to use fire for food preparation throughout rural areas, unless used outside critical areas and in places duly authorized for this purpose;
- On Very High and Maximum fire risk days, fumigation or disinfection is PROHIBITED in apiaries unless the fumigators have spark retention devices;
- On Very High and Maximum fire risk days, it is PROHIBITED to use motor brush cutters, brush cutters and wreckers. Avoid using harrows.

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority recommends the adequacy of behaviours and attitudes towards the situation of rural fire danger, namely the adoption necessary preventive and precautionary measures, in accordance with current legislation, and taking into account pay special attention to the evolution of fire danger during this period.

Follow the evolution of the fire danger over the next few days at [www.ipma.pt](http://www.ipma.pt), at [www.icnf.pt](http://www.icnf.pt), or with the Municipal Civil Protection Services and Fire Departments.

