



NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

RURAL FIRE DANGER – PREVENTIVE MEASURES

I. SITUATION

The Portuguese Institute of the Sea and Atmosphere (IPMA) predicts, for the next few days, hot dry weather, highlighting:

- Gradual increase in maximum temperature;
- Relative Air Humidity (HRA) below 30% in the afternoon in most parts of the country, with poor night recovery;
- Strong east wind in the highlands, especially at night;
- **Very High Rural Fire Danger to Maximum inland North and Centre, Alto Alentejo and in the Algarve region.**

Follow weather information at www.ipma.pt

2. EXPECTABLE EFFECTS

Increased risk of fire, with conditions favourable for the eventual occurrence and spread of rural fires, as well as the increase in the difficulty of suppression actions, especially in the interior North and Central, Alto Alentejo and the Algarve.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The National Emergency and Civil Protection Authority (ANEPCC) reminds that, according to the legal provisions in force, on days of Very High and Maximum Fire Risk is PROHIBITED:

- Conduct Extensive Burning;
- Do burning of cut and piled waste;
- Use fire for food processing throughout rural areas, unless used outside critical areas and in places properly authorized for effect;
- To spray or disinfect apiaries;
- Use rotors, bush trimmers and crushers, all equipment with exhaust without a flame extinguisher, cutting equipment, such as chainsaws or cutters, or the operation of mechanical methods which, in their action with minerals or artificial elements, generate sparks or heat.





The ANEPC recommends the appropriate behaviours and attitudes in the face of the rural fire hazard situation, namely the adoption of the necessary prevention and precautionary measures, in accordance with current legislation, and paying special attention to the evolution of fire hazard in this period.

Follow the fire hazard development for the next few days at www.icnf.pt at www.ipma.pt or at Municipal Civil Protection Services and Fire Departments.

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