

DISASTER PROTECTION ACT

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Chapter one. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. This Act shall settle providing the protection of the life and health of the population, the conservation of the environment and the property in case of disasters.

Art. 2. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Disaster shall be any significant disruption of the normal functioning of society, caused by natural phenomena and/or human activity, leading to negative consequences for the life or health of the population, property, economy and the environment and which the capacity of the system servicing the routine activities related to protection of society would be insufficient to prevent, bring under control and overcome.

Art. 3. (1) The bodies of the executive power, the legal persons and the sole entrepreneurs shall organise the protection in case of disasters implementing the functions assigned to them by this Act and the other normative acts that regulate their activity.

(2) The actions of the bodies and the persons under para 1 shall be coordinated in unified rescue system for protection in case of disasters.

Art. 4. The main principles of disaster protection shall be:

1. right of protection for every person;
2. privilege of the rescue of the human life before the rest activities upon the protection;
3. publicity of the information for the risks of disasters and for the activities of the bodies of the executive power upon the protection in case of disasters;
4. privilege of the preventive measures when ensuring the protection;
5. responsibility for the implementation of the measures of protection;
6. submission of forces and resources for protection stage by stage.

Art. 5. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Disaster protection shall be provided on a national, district and municipal level and carried out through:

1. performing preventive activity;
2. performing protection activities in the event of disaster upon occurrence thereof;
3. relief and recovery;
4. resource insurance;
5. provision and acceptance of relief funds.

Chapter two.
PREVENTIVE ACTIVITY

Art. 6. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The preventive activity shall be carried out with the objective of reducing the disaster risks and shall include:

1. analysis and assessment of disaster risks;
2. mapping disaster risks;
3. classification of settlements depending on the number of population potentially affected;
4. establishment of critical infrastructures and their sites as well as risk assessment for them;
5. measures reducing the vulnerability of the sites mentioned in item 4;
6. planning of disasters protection;
7. compliance with the requirements for spatial development planning, investment design, building and operation of construction projects;
8. establishment and maintenance monitoring, early warning and alerting systems;
9. providing collective and individual protection means;
10. education and practical training of central and territorial bodies of the executive power, reaction forces, voluntary units and the population;
11. adoption and implementation of National Disaster Protection Programme;
12. preventive control.

(2) The terms, procedures and the bodies for implementation of the activities under para 1, item 1 and 2 shall be set forth by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 7. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

Art. 8. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The classification under Art. 6, item 1, item 3 shall be as follows:

1. urbanized territories of special importance - the cities of Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna, Rouse and Bourgas;
2. group one urbanized territories - settlements and settlement formations with population of more than 80 000 persons;
3. group two urbanized territories - settlements and settlement formations with population of more than 30 000 persons;
4. group three urbanized territories - settlements and settlement formations with population of more than 10 000 persons;
5. group four urbanized territories - settlements and settlement formations with population under 10 000 persons;

Art. 8a. (new - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) (1) Establishment of the critical infrastructures and the sites thereof as well as the risk assessment for them shall be carried out according to terms, procedure and by competent bodies, defined by an ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

(2) The measures reducing the vulnerability of the sites from the critical infrastructure by natural and man-made hazards shall be set forth by the ordinance under Art. 10, para 2

(3) The measures mentioned in para 2 shall have a priority in defining the activities in the plans under Art. 18, para 3.

Art. 9. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The planning of disaster protection shall be carried out on municipal, district and national level.

(2) Disaster protection plans shall be drawn up by parts intended for each of the hazards specific for the respective area, provided that the parts dealing with earthquakes, floods, nuclear and radiological accidents shall be obligatory.

(3) The disaster protection plans shall obligatory contain:

1. assessment and analysis of disaster risks;
2. measures for prevention and mitigation of disaster risks;
3. measures for protection of the population;
4. distribution of the obligations and the responsible bodies and persons for implementation of the provided measures;
5. the means and resources, necessary for carrying out the activities mentioned in item 2, 3 and 4;
6. ways of interaction between components of the integrated rescue system;
7. the procedure of early warning of the bodies of executive power, components of the integrated rescue system and the population in case of threat or occurrence of disasters;
8. information about the teams and resources of the components of the integrated rescue system;
9. standby time for response by the components of the integrated rescue system.

(4) The Minister of Interior shall draw up the National Disaster Protection Plan jointly with representatives of the ministries, departments, The Bulgarian Red Cross and the local government authorities.

(5) The National Disaster Protection Plan shall be adopted by the Council of Ministers.

(6) In order to fulfil their obligations, provided for in the National Disaster Protection Plan, central bodies of the executive power shall draw up disaster protection plans.

(7) The plans mentioned in para 6 shall be approved by an order of the respective manager following coordination with the Minister of Interior.

(8) The district governor shall organize the drawing up of a district disaster protection plan in coordination with the territorial units of the central executive power and the mayors of municipalities.

(9) The district disaster protection plan shall be approved by an order of the district governor following coordination with the Minister of Interior.

(10) The mayor of the municipality shall draw up a municipal disaster protection plan jointly with representatives of departments and legal entities related to disaster protection carrying out their activity within the territory of the municipality.

(11) The municipal disaster protection plan shall be adopted by the municipal council.

(12) The “Flood” part from the disaster protection plans shall be drawn up also taking into account the flood risk management plans, developed under the terms and following the procedure of the Water Act.

(13) Measures, provided in the flood risk management plans, specified in para 12, shall be included in the annual plans for implementation of the National Disaster Protection Programme.

(14) Upon assigning or approval of detailed spatial development plans under the Spatial Development Act the bodies, which must draw up disaster protection plans, shall provide information about any foreseeable disasters, threatening the areas within the scope of the detailed spatial development plans as well as about the preventive measures, required for their protection, included in the disaster protection plans.

Art. 10. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Requirements concerning spatial

planning of the territory and engineer and technical regulations for investment design, building and operation of construction projects shall be met in order to prevent or mitigate disaster risks and facilitate the protection and conducting of rescue operations.

(2) The requirements under para 1 shall be defined by an ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 11. (1) The observation, the early caution and the announcement shall be based on:

1. information and data, submitted by natural persons, organisations and institutions;
2. information and data from systems of monitoring of meteorological, hydrological, seismological, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, ecological and other objects and phenomena;
3. (suppl. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) information and data, received in the centres of the National System for Urgent Calls with the Single European Number 112;
4. hydro-metrological forecasting information for dangerous phenomena from the National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, the Agency for Research and Maintenance of the Level of the Danube River and others;
5. international exchange of information and data.

(2) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The information under para 1 shall be submitted free to the MI and to the Ministers within the range of their competence.

Art. 12. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Collective protection means shall be engineering facilities – shelters and anti-radiation shelters, the main purpose of which is to shelter the population in case of an air attack, military and industrial toxic substances, radioactive substances and biological agents.

(2) Metropolitan and underground floors in industrial and public service buildings in urbanized territories of special importance shall also be designed and built to serve as collective protection means.

(3) Collective protection means shall be real estate - public state, public municipal or private property and shall be maintained and managed by the departments to which they are provided, by the mayors of municipalities or their owners.

(4) Collective protection means or parts thereof may also have another purpose as long as it does not obstruct its main purpose to shelter the population.

(5) Collective protection or parts thereof may be let only for purposes, not hindering their usage as shelters for the population.

(6) The procedure for construction, maintenance and use of collective protection means shall be determined by an ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 13. (1) The individual means of protection are intended for protection of the respiratory organs, the eyes and the skin from poisonous and radioactive substances, noise and aerosols, from high temperatures and burnings, from explosion and other mechanic effects.

(2) The reserves from individual means of protection shall be given, kept, renewed, maintained, submitted and accounted by:

1. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Ministry of Interior – for operative reserve;
2. the Mayors of the Municipalities – for officials of the municipal administration and for the population in the municipality;
3. the bodies of the executive power – for the employees and officials of the respective administration;
4. the owners, managers and executive members of trade companies and sole entrepreneurs –

for their employees and officials.

(3) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Individual means of iodine prophylaxis of the population shall be planned, purchased, renewed and provided in ownership of municipalities by the MI.

(4) (prev. text of para 3 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The procedure for creation, storage, renewal, maintenance, delivery and accountancy of the reserves from individual protection means shall be determined by ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 14. (1) The bodies of the executive power, the other state bodies and the population shall be educated for protection in case of disasters.

(2) The education of the bodies of the executive power shall be obligatory.

(3) The bodies under para 1 shall organise an education of the officials from their subordinate units, services and other operative structures for implementation of activities upon protection.

Art. 15. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 16. (1) In the system of the national education and in the universities an education for disaster protection and giving first aid shall be conducted.

(2) Main knowledge for the risks of disasters and the ways of behaviour and action shall be ensured upon the education for acquisition of elementary education, and knowledge for protection corresponding of the profile and the specialization of the education – upon the education for acquisition of secondary and university education.

(3) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Minister of Education, Youth and Science after coordination with the Minister of Interior shall approve programmes for education, teaching materials and aids for the kindergartens and the schools and plans for education and preparation in case of disasters of the managing staff and the teachers in the system of the national education.

Art. 17. The education of the population for the ways of behaviour and action and the implementation of the necessary protective means in case of disasters shall be organised by the Mayors of the Municipalities as voluntary education.

Art. 18. (1) The National Programmes for Disaster protection shall determine the purposes, priorities and tasks for the disaster protection for a 5-year period. The funding of the programme shall be carried out according to the parameters, set out in the budget forecast.

(2) The National programmes for disaster protection shall contain:

1. analysis of the condition of the protection in case of disasters;
2. the degree of implementation of the purposes and tasks from the previous programme;
3. directions of scientific and research activity;
4. directions for the content of educational programmes;
5. priorities for the development and the resource insurance of the unified rescue system;
6. sources of funding.

(3) Annual plans shall be adopted for the implementation of the National Programme for Protection in Case of Disasters.

(4) The funding of the activities from the annual plans under para 3 shall be carried out within

the ranges of the approved budget of the competent bodies and from other sources of finance.

(5) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Minister of Interior shall develop the National Programme for Disaster protection and the annual plans for its implementation together with Ministries, administrations, the National Association of the Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Red Cross.

Art. 18a. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The identification of potential European Critical Infrastructure (ECI) on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria shall be carried out by the respective minister.

(2) The respective minister shall notify the infrastructure owner/operator of its designation as ECI. The information about the designation of any given infrastructure as ECI shall be given the respective level of classification under the Protection of Classified Information Act and the European Union legislation.

(3) The procedure for ECI identification and designation on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria and the protection measures thereof shall be defined by ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 18b. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Within three months from the notification under Art. 18a, para 2 the owner/operator of any designated ECI shall draw up an operator ECI security plan, whereby shall be established the ECI elements and the protection measures.

(2) The contents of the operator plan under para 1 shall be set forth by the ordinance under Art. 18a, para 3.

(3) Within one month of drawing up of the operators plan under para 1 the owner/operator of the designated ECI shall coordinate it with the Minister of Interior and the chairman of the State Agency for National Security.

(4) The coordinated operator plan under para 1 shall be approved by the respective minister.

(5) Within one year from the approval under para 4 the owner/operator of the designated ECI shall activate the measures from the approved operator plan under para 1 and shall update it annually.

(6) The operator plan under para 1 shall constitute classified information under the Protection of Classified Information Act.

Art. 18c. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The owner/operator of a designated ECI shall appoint a security liaison officer, who will also be a contact person between it and the respective minister.

(2) Within one month from the approval of the operator plan under Art. 18b, para 1 the owner/operator of a designated ECI shall notify the respective minister of the person, appointed as liaison officer under para 1.

(3) The information, transmitted between the liaison officer under Paragraph 1, the owner/operator of a designated ECI and the respective minister shall be of the respective level of classification under the Protection of Classified Information Act and the European Union legislation.

(4) The liaison officer under para 1 shall immediately inform the respective minister in the case any risks and threats for the respective ECI are found.

Art. 18d. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The Minister of Interior or an official, authorized by him/her, shall be the contact person of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding ECI protection.

(2) The Minister of Interior or an official, authorized by him/her, shall coordinate the matters of

ECI protection in the Republic of Bulgaria with other European Union Member States and with the European Commission.

(3) The contact person under para 1 shall annually inform the European Commission of:

1. the number of designated ECIs by sectors and the number of European Union Member States, dependent on each designated ECI;
2. the number of infrastructures by sectors, regarding which discussions have been held on cross-cutting criteria thresholds.

Art. 18e. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Within one year from designation of an ECI the respective minister shall carry out an evaluation of the threats in the ECI subsectors.

(2) Every two years the respective minister, acting through the contact person under Art. 18d, para 1 shall provide the European Commission with a report on the types of vulnerable areas, threats and risks, found for the ECI sectors.

Art. 18f. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Any written or verbal information concerning the protection of critical infrastructures, which was provided to other Member States of the European Union or the European Commission, shall only be used for the purposes of critical infrastructures' protection.

Chapter three. UNIFIED RESCUE SYSTEM

Section I. General Rules

Art. 19. (1) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The activities related to protection of the population in case of danger or occurrence of disasters shall be:

1. warning;
2. implementation of urgent measures in order to mitigate the effect;
3. announcement;
4. rescue operations;
5. providing medical assistance in emergency cases;
6. initial psychological counselling to victims and rescue teams;
7. control and elimination of ecological incidents;
8. protection against explosive substances and munitions;
9. search and rescue operations;
10. radiation, chemical and biological protection in case of incidents and accidents with dangerous substances and materials and against nuclear, chemical and biological weapons;
11. limitation and liquidation of fires;
12. (suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) temporary relocation, evacuation, sheltering and supplying of individual protection means;
13. implementation of urgent emergency and restoration works;
14. limitation of the distribution and liquidation of occurred epidemic explosions, epidemics and epizootics of infectious and parasitic diseases;
15. other operations, related to the protection.

(2) Protection of the population in case of declaring of regime "state of military emergency",

"wartime" or "state of emergency" shall be implemented in correspondence of the provisions of the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949 (non-promulgated), ratified by Decree № 181 of the Presidium of the National Assembly of 1954 (Izvestia - 43/54) and the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1977, ratified by Decree № 1586 of the State Council of 1989 (SG 62/89).

Art. 20. (1) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The activities under Art. 19 shall be carried out by unified rescue system, which includes units of:

1. ministries and administrations;
2. municipalities;
3. trade companies and sole entrepreneurs;
4. emergency centres, other medical and health institute;
5. (suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) non-profit legal persons, including volunteer formations under Art. 41;
6. the armed forces.

(2) The units, services and the other operative structures under para 1 shall be components of the unified rescue system, keeping their institutional or organisational belonging and the functions determined to them or their scope of activity.

Art. 21. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

Art. 22. (1) (amend. – SG 69/08; amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) Main components of the unified rescue system shall be the Chief Directorates of the MI - "Fire Safety and Protection of Population", the regional directorates of the MI and the emergency centres.

(2) The main components of the unified rescue system shall provide continuous readiness for receiving messages in case of disasters, their assessment and immediate actions.

(3) (amend. – SG 69/08) The structures of the main components of the unified rescue system shall be developed on the territory of the entire country in accordance with the administrative and territory division.

Art. 23. (1) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The other components of the unified rescue system shall provide assistance upon request in accordance with the disaster protection plans.

(2) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The armed forces shall provide assistance during rescue and urgent emergency repair and recovery works upon permission by the Minister of Defence on the ground of request by the respective state body according to the plans under para 1.

Section II. Planning and Preparation

Art. 24. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) In the event of occurrence of disasters the components of the unified rescue system shall organise and carry out the actions according to the disaster protection plans.

Art. 25. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

Art. 26. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The disaster protection plans shall regulate the cooperation between the components of the unified rescue system and provide possibility for attraction of forces and means stage by stage depending on the disaster events.

Art. 27. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

Art. 28. (1) The preparation of the components of the unified rescue system shall be carried out by conducting trainings and studies.

(2) The purpose of the trainings shall be to establish the condition of the communication and informational system and the readiness of the teams for reaction in case of disasters.

(3) The studies shall be planned and conducted for improvement of the cooperation and coordination of the components of the unified rescue system and the bodies of the executive power for reaction in case of disasters.

(4) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Trainings and studies shall be conducted according to order of the Minister of Interior, the district governor or the mayor of municipality.

Section III.

Coordination and Management of the Rescue and Urgent Emergency and Restoration Works in the Region of the Disaster

Art. 29. (1) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The coordination of the components of the unified rescue system shall be implemented through the operative centres of the Fire Safety and Rescue Directorate General at the Ministry of Interior.

(2) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The operative centres shall:

1. adopt and assess the information for arisen disasters;

2. notify the competent components of the unified rescue system and coordinate the future activity on the ground of standard operative procedures;

3. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) provide early warning and notification of the bodies of the executive power, the components of the integrated rescue system and the population in the event of disaster;

4. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) upon request by the Head on the Spot, the Mayor of the Municipality or the District Governor shall organize the activation of the components of the integrated rescue system, specified in the disaster protection plans, as well as of additional forces and resources.

include additional forces and means for the main and other components of the unified rescue system according to the plan for implementation of rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works at request of the.

(3) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (4) The received and submit voice information in and by the operative

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(5) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The standard operative procedures under para 2, item 2 shall be developed by the chief secretary of the MI, coordinated with the managers of the units under Art. 20, para 1.

Art. 30. (1) (revoked – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009)

(2) (amend. – SG 41/07; amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The enterprises, carrying out electronic communications, shall be obliged to cooperate to the MI for implementation of the communications in case of disasters and to the National System for Emergency Calls with Unified European Number 112.

Art. 31. (1) The cooperation and the coordination between the components of the unified rescue system, participating in rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works in the region of the disaster, referred hereinafter as "the place of intervention", shall be carried out by the Head on the Spot.

(2) (amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) A Head on the Spot shall be the Head of the territorial unit of the Directorate-General of “Fire Safety and Protection of Population” - MI or authorised by him/her official, save for the cases of epidemics and epizootics.

(3) (amend. – SG 69/08; amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 14.12.2010; amend. – SG 8/11, in force from 25.01.2011; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) In the cases of epidemics and epizootics a Head of the regional health inspection or the district food safety directorate.

Art. 32. The Head on the Spot upon implementation of rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works shall be entitled to:

1. prohibit and restrict the entry of persons in the place of intervention;
2. order temporary taking out of persons from the place of intervention;
3. order immediate implementation and stop of buildings, construction works, field reconstructions or demolition of buildings and facilities or parts of them aiming decrease or elimination of the risks of the arisen disaster;
4. require from legal persons or natural persons submission of personal or material support;
5. create headquarters of the Head on the Spot with representatives of the participating teams from the unified rescue system;
6. divide the place of intervention to sectors or sites, to determine their managers, to assign them tasks, as well as to distribute forces and means for them.

Chapter four.

PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF THE NATURAL PERSONS, LEGAL PERSONS AND SOLE ENTREPRENEURS IN CASE OF DISASTERS

Section I.

Rights and Obligations of the Natural Persons

Art. 33. (1) Every natural person shall be entitled to:

1. information about the measures for ensuring of protection;
2. education for the ways of behaviour and action in case of disasters;
3. means of protection;
3. urgent and restoration support;
5. indemnity for the actually caused damages on occasion of normative established activities for protection in case of disasters.

(2) The support under para 1, item 4 and the indemnity under para 1, item 5 shall be granted under conditions, following a procedure and in extent, determined by the regulations under Art. 54, para 6.

Art. 34. Every natural person shall be obliged to:

1. bear the restrictions in relation to announced state of disaster, ensue from the measures, applied by the competent services at the implementation of the activities upon the protection;
2. assist to every other natural person, whose life or health are endangered subsequently of disaster, under the condition that he/she shall not risk his/her own life or health;
3. inform the respective emergency calls centre or to look for possibility to give assistance in another way, when is not in condition to give the needed assistance personally;
4. give assistance in accordance with his/her possibilities or a material support upon request by the Mayor of the Municipality or the Head on the Spot;
5. if necessary rescue and urgent emergency and restoration work to be conducted, to admit the entry of rescue teams and equipments, implementation of field reconstructions, construction of facilities for protection of risk factors, cleaning up of landed property and elimination of buildings or their parts, facilities and plantations, when he/she is an owner, user or manager of the real estate;
6. submit to the Head of the rescue team information for the dangers that could threat the life and health of the rescuers or the population;
7. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) agrees to the positioning of facilities of the systems for early warning and notification in the real estates, which are his/her property, and to provide access to them for the purposes of operation thereof.
8. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) does not hinder the access to of authorized officials to collective protection means for the purposes of control, prophylaxis and repairs.

Section II.

Obligations of the Legal persons and Sole Entrepreneurs

Art. 35. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The legal persons and sole entrepreneurs, owners and users, carrying out activity at sites which are construction projects of Category One, Two and Three within the meaning of Art. 137 of the Spatial Development Act, which poses a danger of disaster, shall develop emergency action plans for the site, containing:

1. the maximum possible consequences for the staff, population and environment of an accident at the facility;
2. measures to reduce and mitigate the consequences of an accident on site;
3. staff protection measures;
4. distribution of responsibilities and the bodies and officials in charge of implementation of the measures envisaged;
5. the means and resources, required for implementation of the envisaged measures;
6. the lead time for response by the structures and officials under item 4;

7. the notification procedure of the executive authorities in case it is necessary to activate disaster protection plans

(2) The content of the emergency action plan may differ from that provisions of para 1, when provided for by a special legislative act.

(3) Persons under para 1 shall:

1. approve and update the plan under para 1 in the event of change in any relevant circumstance;

2. organise practical trainings in implementation of the emergency action plan at least once a year;

3. provide the mayor of the municipality with information for drawing up the municipal disaster protection plan regarding:

a) the sources of risk from their activity;

b) the possible consequences of accidents and the manner of removal thereof;

c) the possible effects on the population and the environment;

d) the measures, forces and means for carrying out rescue and emergency repair and recovery works at the site;

4. in the event of an accident at the site, they shall:

a) start rescue and emergency repair and recovery works;

b) notify immediately the respective operations centre of the Fire Safety and Rescue Directorate General - MI and the mayor of the municipality under direct threat if any accident occurs.

c) provide the components of the integrated rescue system with information concerning explosives, hazardous chemicals, sources of ionising radiation, as well as other information on the hazards to human life and health;

d) assist integrated rescue system teams in the process of eliminating the accident, in those cases where such teams take part;

e) ensure safe disposal of waste resulting from the accident and the elimination thereof;

5. set up and maintain local alerting systems;

6. set up, prepare and maintain in standby forces and means for protection of workers on the territory of the site.

7. conduct training of employees on disaster protection.

Art. 36. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Legal persons and the sole entrepreneurs, except for the ones referred to in Art. 35 carrying out activity in industrial buildings and in public service buildings, representing construction projects of category one, two and three within the meaning of Art. 137 of the Spatial Development Act, shall draw up plans for protection of persons staying there, containing:

1. risks for the site pursuant to the municipal disaster protection plan;

2. protection measures for persons staying there;

3. distribution of responsibilities, the bodies and officials in charge of implementation of the envisaged measures;

4. resources required for implementation of the envisaged measures;

5. the lead time for reaction by the structures and officials under item 3;

6. the manner of interaction with the components of the integrated rescue system.

(2) The persons under para 1 shall:

1. approve and update the plan under para 1 in case of change in the circumstances;

2. organise the conduct of practical training in implementation of the plan under para 1 at least once a year;

3. set up and maintain local alerting systems;

4. set up and keep ready any protection means for persons staying on the territory of the site;
5. conduct training of employees on disaster protection.

Art. 37. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The legal persons and sole entrepreneurs, included in the plan disaster protection plans, shall be obliged to provide the assistance planned upon request.

Art. 38. (1) The legal persons and sole entrepreneurs – operators of radio- and television programmes, upon request from the operative centres of the unified rescue system shall air immediately and without changes the contents and the meaning of urgent information, necessary for the protection of the population.

(2) The information under para 1 shall be aired free of charge.

Section III. Voluntary Associations

Art. 39. (amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) A volunteer shall be a person who participates in a cases of disaster, fires and emergencies and elimination of its consequences.

Art. 40. (1) (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Eligible to be a volunteer shall be any legally capable individual over 18 years of age, who is healthy, does not suffer from any mental disabilities and has not been convicted of any intentional crime of general nature, unless rehabilitated.

(2) The person under para 1 may acquire the capacity volunteer regardless his/her employment or official legal relationship.

(3) The rights and obligations of the volunteers shall be determined by this Act and by the concluded by each of them contract on participation in a voluntary association.

(4) A personal identification number shall be determined to each volunteer.

Art. 41. (amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) Voluntary associations shall be established by the Mayor of the Municipality upon decision of the Municipal Council.

Art. 42. (1) The Mayor shall be obliged to:

1. conclude a contract with the volunteer;
2. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) provide training and equipment to volunteers;
3. insure the volunteer against accident, occurred on occasion of implementation of his/her contractual obligations;
4. insure the volunteer for every insured social risks;
5. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) file with the Director of Chief Directorate “Fire Safety and Protection of Population” - MI an application for entry in the register under Art. 47, para 1 of the voluntary association.

(2) The expenses under para 1 shall be on the account of the republic budget as an activity

delegated by the state.

Art. 43. (1) (amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) For the time of the training or implementation of tasks of prevention or control of disasters, fires and emergencies and elimination of their effects the volunteer shall be deemed to be in unpaid leave for execution of civil and public obligations, which shall be considered an official or labour length of service.

(2) For the time of participation in the measures under para 1 the person shall receive remuneration at the expenses of the republic budget under conditions, by an order and in extents, determined by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 44. (1) (prev. text of Art. 44 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The Mayor shall be obliged to:

1. notify the employer or the appointing body of the volunteer for a participation in the measures under Art. 43, para 1;

2. issue a document, certifying the participation of the volunteer, not later than three days after termination of the measure;

3. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) ensure free use of premises, specialized facilities and equipment by voluntary formations.

(2) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The procedure for setting up and organizing of the activity of voluntary formations shall be defined by an ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 45. (suppl. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) The volunteer shall not be obliged to execute his/her obligation in the cases when he/she or the members of his/her household are directly affected by disasters, fires or emergencies notifying timely the mayor.

Art. 46. (amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) The volunteer, which is not in employment or official legal relations by the moment of his/her summoning for training or implementation of tasks of prevention or control of disasters, fires and emergencies and elimination of their effects, shall receive remuneration at the expenses of the republic budget under conditions, under a procedure and in extent, determined by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 47. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Fire Safety and Protection of Population Directorate General of the Ministry of Interior shall keep a register of the voluntary formations.

(2) The manner of setting up, maintenance and keeping of the register under para 1 shall be determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Interior.

Chapter five.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF STATE OF DISASTER

Art. 48. State of disaster shall be a regime, which shall be established in the zone of the disaster by the bodies determined in the Law, related to the application of measures for a definite period of time aiming to overcome the disaster and implement rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works.

Art. 49. (1) The Mayor of the Municipality shall announce by an order a state of disaster for the entire or a part of the territory of the municipality.

(2) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) A copy of the order under para 1 shall be sent immediately to the district governor and the Minister of Interior.

Art. 50. (1) The district governor shall announce by an order a state of disaster for the entire or a part of the territory of the district:

1. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

2. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

(2) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) A copy of the order under para 1 shall be sent immediately to the Minister of Interior.

Art. 50a. (new – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Council of Ministers under a proposal of the Minister of Interior shall announce by a decision a state of disaster on the territory of more than one district or within the territory of the whole country.

Art. 51. (1) (suppl. – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009) In the order under Art. 49, para 1 and under Art. 50, para 1 and in the decision under Art. 50a shall be set out:

1. the circumstances that have been a ground for announcement of state of disaster;

2. grounds for the need of announcement of state of disaster;

3. the borders of the territory, on which a state of disaster is announced;

4. the measures for overcoming the disaster, including the undertaken temporary restrictions over the citizens' rights;

5. the bodies or the officials which are responsible for the application of the undertaken measures;

6. the beginning of introduction of the state of disaster and the period of its action, but not more than 30 days.

(2) (amend. – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009) If necessary the period of duration of the state of disaster may be prolonged:

1. by the mayor of the municipality upon coordination with the district governor;

2. (amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) by the district governor upon coordination with the Minister of Interior;

3. by a decision of the Council of Ministers.

(3) (amend. – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009) The state of disaster shall be cancelled ahead of schedule upon dropping out of the circumstances being ground for its announcement, by the body who has announced it.

(4) (amend. – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009) The acts under par. 2 and 3 shall enter into force immediately and shall be made known to the public through the mass media.

Art. 52. (1) Upon announced state of disaster in the unavoidable necessary volume and duration may be restricted:

1. the right of inviolability of the persons and the houses upon temporary taking out from

places, in which the life and health of the persons are directly threaten;

2. the right of use of a property because of the need of protection of the life, health and property of persons or the environment;

3. the freedom of movement and residence on the definite part of the territory, threaten or affected from the disaster;

4. the right to be carried out an activity that could hamper or impede the implementation of the rescue works.

(2) Upon announced state of disaster as necessary measures may be undertaken:

1. temporary taking out of persons, domestic and agricultural animals and taking out of properties from a definite territory;

2. prohibition for entry, residence and movement in definite places or territories;

3. immediate implementation of buildings, construction works, field reconstructions or elimination of constructions for decrease or prevention of a threat ensuing from the disaster;

4. cares of children and people on an unequal footing, if such cares may not be implemented under the conditions of the state of disaster by the persons which usually take care of them;

5. priority supply of children's social, medicinal and health institutions and the rescue teams;

6. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) evacuation and/or deconcentration.

(3) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The terms and the procedure for conducting evacuation and deconcentration shall be defined by ordinance of the Council of Ministers.

Art. 53. (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009)

Chapter six. RELIEF AND RESTORATION

Art. 54. (1) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) Joint Commission for Restoration and Relief with the Council of Ministers shall be created, hereinafter referred as the "Commission". The Commission shall be managed by the Minister of Interior.

(2) For members of the Commission shall be determined Ministers and Heads of administrations or their deputies, which have attitude to the activity of the Commission. In the meetings of the Commission representatives of the National Association of the Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria and the District Governors shall participate with right of deliberative vote.

(3) The personnel of the Commission shall be determined by an order of the Prime Minister.

(4) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 98/10, in force from 01.01.2011) The Commission shall be supported by the Chief Directorate "Fire Safety and Protection of Population" - MI.

(5) When necessary the Commission may draw in experts from Ministries and administrations, as well as from other organisations.

(6) The Council of Ministers shall adopt regulation on the organisation and the activity of the Commission, in which shall be determined and the order for requesting funds and the criteria for assessment of the received requests for financing.

Art. 55. (1) The support and the restoration in case of disaster shall include giving urgent and restoration relief of the victims and implementing of urgent restoration works after a disaster.

(2) The urgent aid shall be organised, ensured and submitted by Mayors of the Municipalities and shall include:

1. providing for and temporary lodging the victims, the domestic and agricultural animals;
2. giving clothes and domestic property to the victims;
3. undertaking other necessary measures.

(3) The restoration relief for the victims of disaster shall be submitted under conditions, by an order and in extents, determined by the regulation under Art. 54, para 6.

(4) The urgent restoration works after a disaster shall be organised by the bodies of the executive power in accordance with their functions, determined by this Act, the special laws and the by-laws.

Art. 56. (1) The Commission shall take a decision for the allocation of the earmarked funds from the republic budget for prevention, control and overcoming of the consequences of disasters and shall control their expenditure for the needed purposes. The funds shall be submitted for:

1. (suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) funding of preventive activities of the national programmes under Art. 18, included in the annual plan for its implementation, as additional financing to the approved budget of the respective competent authority and/or to the funds provided from other sources;

2. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) payment of incidental expenses for rescue and urgent emergency works in case of disasters of the included through the operative centres forces and means of the unified rescue system;

3. funding of urgent restoration works;

4. giving restoration relief;

5. organising and funding of control inspections upon the implementation of the decisions of the Commission;

6. implementing checks upon complaints and signals;

7. indemnifying natural persons and legal persons for the actual damages caused to them on occasion of the implementation of the normative established activities for disaster protection under conditions, by an order and in extents, determined by the regulation under Art. 54, para 6.

(2) The Commission shall coordinate granting and the distribution of aids and donations.

Art. 57. (1) The granted funds shall be used by purpose in accordance with the decision of the Commission.

(2) A change of the purpose of the granted funds shall be admitted only after a decision of the Commission upon request of the bodies of the executive power.

(3) The accountancy of the granted funds shall be made in accordance with the instructions of the Minister of Finance and the decisions of the Commission.

(4) When funding stage by stage of urgent restoration works, granting additional funds for a subsequent stage shall be implemented after reports for the made expenses be presented before the Commission and before the Minister Finance.

Art. 58. The District Governors shall exercise control over the implementation of the decisions of the Commission on the territory of the district.

Chapter seven. RESOURCE ENSURING

Art. 59. The financial and the material and technical ensuring of the disaster protection shall include:

1. current maintenance of the forces and the means of the unified rescue system;
2. production, repair, supply of equipment, installations and other property, necessary for the protection in case of disasters;
3. design and implementation of capital construction, establishment and maintenance of systems for early caution and announcement in case of disasters;
4. management of real estates and movable properties – state ownership, submitted to Ministries and administrations for protection in case of disasters;
5. implementation of international economic and scientific and technical cooperation in the field of the protection in case of disasters;
6. social and service activities;
7. control over the production and certification of the equipment and other special production in case of disasters;
8. establishment and keeping of crises reserves of material funds and fuel and greasing materials for ensuring the protection of the population in case of disasters;
9. providing state and municipal real estates and movable properties for the purposes of the protection;
10. other activities, related to the ensuring of the protection in case of disasters.

Art. 60. Upon managing of the funds unified control shall be exercised over their lawful use.

Art. 61. The financial and the material and technical ensuring of the protection shall be provided for from:

1. the budgets of the Ministries and the administrations;
2. the municipal budgets;
3. the trade companies and the sole entrepreneurs – for their sites.

Chapter eight.

FUNCTIONS OF THE BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER UPON THE PROTECTION IN CASE OF DISASTERS

Art. 62. (1) The Council of Ministers shall form the state policy in the field of the protection in case of disaster.

(2) The Council of Ministers shall:

1. implement the general management of the protection in case of disasters;
2. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) adopt a strategy for mitigation of disaster risks;
4. (prev. text of item 3 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) adopt National Disaster Protection Programme and annual plans for its implementation;
5. (new – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; prev. text of item 4 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) introduce a National system of early warning and alert of the executive authorities and of the citizens in case of disasters and shall set by the ordinance the terms and conditions and the procedure of its functioning following a proposal of the Minister of Interior.
6. (prev. item 4 – SG 35/09, in force from 12.05.2009; prev. text of item 5 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) provide for funds for protection in case of disasters.

(3) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) An Advisory Board shall be established at the Council of Ministers for the purpose of supporting the activity under para 1.

(4) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The Advisory Board under para 3 shall consist of representatives of ministries, agencies, the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, high schools, science research institutes, the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria and of legal entities related to disaster protection.

(5) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The Council of Ministers shall adopt Rules for the Organization and Activity of the Advisory Board para Paragraph 3.

(6) (prev. text of para 3 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The competent with regard to the character of the disaster body shall submit to the President of the Republic of Bulgaria and to the Chairman of the National Assembly equal by volume and content information for arisen disasters on the territory of the country.

Art. 62a. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) The Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria shall introduce by order the National Disaster Protection Plan.

(2) National headquarters shall be established by the order under para 1, comprising personally appointed head and members: ministers, deputy ministers, heads of agencies and their deputies and others representing institutions, having duties related to the implementation of the National Disaster Protection Plan.

(3) The activity of the national headquarters shall be supported in terms of logistics, communications and administration by the Fire Safety and Rescue Directorate General at the Ministry of Interior, as well as by the competent ministries, agencies and institutions, depending on the nature of the disaster.

(4) So as to assist the activity of the national headquarters shall be established expert working groups, whose personal membership shall be predetermined and introduced into the alerting groups of the National system for early warning and alert for the executive authorities and the population in case of disasters. Other experts may also be recruited by order of the head of the national headquarters where necessary.

(5) An interdepartmental information group shall be established with the national headquarters for carrying out information activity with personal membership as proposed by the members of the headquarters.

(6) The national headquarters shall carry out the following main activities:

1. analysis and assessment of disaster situations;
2. taking decisions concerning the required volume and resource support for ensuring rescue and emergency repair and recovery works for preventing, mitigation and elimination of the consequences of disaster and for assistance to the population concerned;
3. organisation and coordination of the activities of ministers, heads of agencies, regional governors, mayors of municipalities, of legal entities and sole entrepreneurs, to who are assigned functions related to disaster protection;
4. supervising the performance of the tasks and measures for bringing disasters under control;
5. informing the population through the media of the development of the disaster, of the actions taken for containing it and for bringing it under control and of the necessary protection measures and actions;
6. reporting to the Prime Minister, the President of the Republic of Bulgaria and to the speaker of the National Assembly of the progress of implemented protection measures.

Art. 63. (1) The Ministers and the bodies under Art. 19, para 4 of the Administration Act within

the range of their competence shall:

1. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) undertake disaster risk reduction measures;
 2. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) participate in the development of the National Disaster Protection Plan and ensure the implementation thereof;
 3. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) maintain in readiness forces and means and provide participation of their subordinate structures as a component of the integrated rescue system in compliance with the National Disaster Protection Plan;
 4. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
 5. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) exercise control on the implementation of the protection measures in compliance with the powers, vested in them by law.
- (2) (amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) In order to fulfil their duties according the National Disaster Protection Plan and for interaction with the national headquarters the bodies under para 1 shall establish their own internal agency headquarters.
- (3) The work of the headquarters shall be supported by the respective Ministry or administration.

Art. 64. (1) The District Governor shall:

1. organise and manage the protection in case of disaster in the district;
 2. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
 3. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
 4. organise and is responsible for the education of the district administration for the ways of behaviour and action in case of disasters and implementation of the necessary protective measures;
 5. coordinate and control the preparation for disasters, carried out by the district administration, territorial units of the Ministries and administrations, the legal persons and the natural persons in the district;
 6. organise and control the implementation of preventive measures for non-admission or decrease of the consequences from disasters;
 7. submit data for the execution of the National Plan for Protection in Case of Disasters;
 8. create an organisation for announcement in case of disasters;
 9. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) submit an annual report for the activity upon the disaster protection in the MI.
 10. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) shall establish by an order regional headquarters for implementation of the regional disaster protection plan and for interaction with the national headquarters.
- (2) In case a disaster arises on the territory of the district, the district governor:
1. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) introduce by an order the implementation of the district disaster protection plan;
 2. may announce state of disaster on the territory of the district or a part of it;
 3. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
 4. shall organise, coordinate and control the process of relief and restoration in case of disasters;
 5. coordinate the rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works, arisen on the territory of the district, when they go out of the territory of one district, as well as when the Mayor of the Municipality has requested that;
 6. (amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

Art. 65. (1) The Mayor of the Municipality shall:

1. organise and manage the protection in case of disaster on the territory of the municipality;
2. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
3. organise, coordinate and implement preventive measures for the non-admission or decrease of the consequences from the disasters;
4. implement timely announcement and information of the population in case of threat from rise or for arisen disaster;
5. plan in the project of the municipal budget funds for ensuring of the activities upon the plan for disaster protection in the municipality, as well as a reserve for urgent and unexpected expenses, related with the protection of the population;
6. submit to the district governor annual record for the activity upon the protection in case of disasters;
7. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) established by order headquarters for implementation of the municipal disaster protection plan and for interaction with the headquarters under Art. 62a, para 2, Art.63, para 2 and Art. 64, para 1, item 10.

(2) When a disaster arises on the territory of the municipality the Mayor:

1. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) introduce by an order the implementation of the municipal disaster protection plan;
2. (amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)
3. may announce a state of disaster on the territory of the municipality;
4. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) shall carry out information exchange with the operative centre of Fire Safety and Rescue Directorate General at the MI in the district;
5. may attract legal persons and physical persons for giving personal or material assistance in accordance with their possibilities;
6. may include in the activities upon the protection and the established voluntary associations;
7. may request coordination from the district governor;
8. shall organise and coordinate temporary taking out and submit urgent assistance to the victims;
9. shall organise and coordinate the giving of restoration relief to the population in case of disasters;
10. shall organise and control the implementation of urgent restoration works in case of disasters.

Art. 66. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The District Governor and the Mayor of the municipality, when carrying out management and coordination of the rescue and urgent emergency and restoration works, shall be obliged to send to the MI written information for the way of their reading.

Chapter nine.

MINISTRY OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (TITLE AMEND. – SG 102/08; REVOKED – SG 93/09, IN FORCE FROM 25.12.2009)

Section I.

Minister of Emergency Situations (Title amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 67. (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Section II.

Directorate-General of Civil Protection National Service (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 68. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 69. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 70. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 71. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 72. (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 73. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 74. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 75. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 76. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 77. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 78. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 79. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 80. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 81. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Section III.

Powers of the Bodies of the Ministry of Emergency Situations (Title amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 82. (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 83. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 84. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 85. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 86. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Chapter ten. CONTROL

Art. 87. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The control over the observance of the Act shall be carried out by the Minister of Interior and by authorised by him/her officials.

Art. 88. (1) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The Minister of Interior shall issue orders for discontinuation or temporary restriction of activities, if they threat the population.

(2) The orders under para 1 shall be issued upon arisen danger from disasters.

(3) The orders under para 1 shall be executed immediately.

(4) For the orders under para 1 immediately the Mayor shall be notified. The orders shall be announced through the mass media or in another appropriate way.

(5) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 39/11) The orders under para 1 may be appealed by the interested persons and organisations within 7 days period through the Minister of Interior before the Supreme Administrative Court. The court shall consider the complaint in an open sitting and shall pronounce within three days after its receiving. The decision shall not be subject to appeal.

(6) The force of the orders shall be terminated with the expiration of their term, with the decision of the court under para 5 or after dropping out of the grounds for their issue.

Art. 89. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) In the process of exercising control on the compliance with this Act or the by-laws on its implementation the Minister of Interior or the officials, authorised by the latter, shall issue orders.

Chapter eleven.
MEASURES OF ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT

Section I.
Compulsory Administrative Measures

Art. 90. (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) For prevention and stoppage of the violations, related with the execution of the obligations under this Act, as well as for elimination of the harmful consequences of them, the Minister of Interior or authorised by him/her officials may stop the building, putting into use and the use of sites, installations, devices and facilities, as well as to stop other activities, which create danger for the population in case of disasters.

Art. 91. (1) The order on application of compulsory administrative measures shall be appealed by the order of the Administrative Procedure Code.

(2) The order under para 1 shall be subject to preliminary fulfilment, unless the court otherwise rules.

Section II.
Administrative and Penal Provisions

Art. 92. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Any violations of this Act and of the secondary legislation, issued in relation to it, for which no other sanction has been envisaged, shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 2,000 or by a property sanction from BGN 3000 to BGN 10,000.

Art. 93. (suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) An official, who does not fulfil an obligation, assigned to him/her by this Act or the secondary legislation, issued in relation to it, shall be punished with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 500, if is not a subject to a heavier penalty.

Art. 94. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) (1) Any person, who fails to fulfil an obligation under Art. 18b, para 1 and 3 or para 5, shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 2,000 to BGN 5,000 or by a property sanction from BGN 15,000 to BGN 25,000.

(2) Any person, who fails to fulfill an obligation under Art.18c, para 1 and 2 or para 4, shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 2,000 to BGN 5,000 or by a property sanction from BGN 5,000 to BGN 15,000.

(3) Any person, who fails to fulfill the obligations under Art.34, Items 7 and 8 shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1,000.

(4) Any person, who refuses to provide or impeding or preventing access to the sites referred to in Art. 12, para 1, shall be punishable by a fine of BGN 1,000.

(5) Any person, who fails to fulfill any order under Art.89, shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 1,500 to BGN 10,000 or by a property sanction from BGN 3,000 to BGN 15,000.

(6) In the event of repeat violation under paras 1-5 a fine or a property sanction shall be imposed in trebled amount.

Art. 95. (1) (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) (1) Any person, who doesn't fulfill an obligation under Art. 35, 36 or 37, shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 5,000 or by a property sanction from BGN 5,000 to BGN 50,000.

(2) In the event of repeat violation under para 1 a fine or a property sanction shall be imposed in triple extent.

Art. 96. (amend. – SG 102/08; revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 97. (revoked - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009)

Art. 98. A head of a trade company, a head of organisation or a sole entrepreneur, who upon announced state of disaster refuses to a competent body a delivery or a service with privilege, if it is objectively possible, shall be punished with a fine from BGN 500 to BGN 1000 or with a property sanction from BGN 1000 to BGN 3000.

Art. 99. (amend. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Who spends not by purpose financial or material funds, provided by the Interdepartmental Relief and Recovery Commission, shall be punished with a fine from BGN 200 to BGN 2000 and shall owe a refund of the sums.

Art. 100. (1) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The acts on establishment of administrative violations shall be compiled by officials, authorised by the Minister of Interior.

(2) (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Any on establishment of administrative violations under Art. 99 shall be drawn up by officials, authorised by the respective district governor.

(3) (amend. – SG 102/08; amend. - SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; prev. text of para 2, suppl. – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) The penal decrees shall be issued by the Minister of Interior or authorised by him/her officials and in the cases under para 2 – by the respective district governor.

(4) (prev. text of para 3 – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) Finding of violations, the issue, appeal and execution of the penal decrees shall be made under the order of the Administrative Violations and Penalties Act.

Additional provisions

§ 1. In the context of this Act:

1. "Natural phenomena" shall be phenomena with geological (geophysical, geologist), hydro meteorological and biological origin, such as earthquakes, floods, movement of masses (landslides, streams of fragments, avalanches), storms, hailstorms, enormous snow amassing, freezing, droughts, forest fires, mass diseases from epidemic and epizootic character, invasions of pests and other similar ones, caused by natural forces.

2. "An incident" shall be unpredictable or hardly foreseeable, limited by time and space action,

with high intensity of forces or as a consequence of human activity, threatening the life and health of the humans, the property or the environment.

3. "An accident" shall be an incident on a large scale, including roads, highways and air traffic, fire, demolition of hydro-technical facilities, incidents, caused by activities in the sea, nuclear incidents and other ecological and industry accidents, caused by activities or actions of the human.

4. "An industrial accident" shall be an immediate technological damage of machines, facilities and aggregates or implementation of activities with risk substances and materials in the production, treatment, use, storage, loading, transport or sale, when this leads to danger for the life or health of humans, animals, property or environment.

5. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

6. "A zone of the disaster" shall be the territory, affected by a disaster.

7. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

8. "Inevitably necessary volume and duration" shall be these, at which in a minimal degree, for a minimal period of time shall be affected the rights under Art. 52 in order the taking of the necessary measures for the protection in case of disaster to be allowed.

9. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

10. (revoked – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011)

11. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Threat" shall mean a natural phenomenon or event, caused by human activity, which may cause harmful consequences to the population and their property, the environment, the economy and the cultural and material valuables.

12. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Vulnerability" shall be an indicator of the degree of pliability of a certain area or site to different threats.

13. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Risk" shall be the probability of occurrence of harmful consequences for the population and their property, the economy and the environment as a result of the threat and the vulnerability of a certain area/site.

14. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Risk analysis and assessment" shall mean the determination of the nature and extent of the risk as a function of the threat, vulnerability and probability.

15. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Critical infrastructure" shall be a system or parts thereof, which are essential for the maintenance of vital public functions, health, safety, security, economic or social well-being of people, and the disruption or destruction of which would cause significant negative consequences in the Republic of Bulgaria as a result of the failure to retain those functions.

16. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "European critical infrastructure" shall be the critical infrastructure, located on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria the disruption or destruction of which cause significant negative consequences in least two European Union Member States. The importance of the said consequences shall be assessed in terms of cross-cutting criteria - numbers of sites and injuries, economic and social consequences, taking into consideration effects resulting from cross-sector dependencies on other types of infrastructure.

17. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Information related to critical infrastructure protection" shall mean any fact relating to a critical infrastructure, which if disclosed and made public could be used to plan and/or act aimed at causing disruption or destruction of critical infrastructure sites, elements or installations.

18. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Protection" shall be the set of activities aimed at ensuring the proper functioning, continuity and integrity of critical infrastructures in order to deter, reduce, mitigate and neutralise a threat, a risk or the vulnerability thereof.

19. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Owners/operators of European critical infrastructures" are natural persons, legal entities or organisations in charge of the investing, or for the proper functioning, the continuity and integrity of, a particular system or part thereof, designated as an

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20. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Evacuation" shall mean organised relocation of people and animals from endangered areas and their accommodation in safe places.

21. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) "Deconcentration" shall mean arranged export of cultural and material valuables from endangered areas and their transfer and safeguarding in secure places.

§ 1a. (new – SG 80/11, in force from 14.10.2011) This Act shall introduce the requirements of Council Directive 2008/114/EC of 8 December 2008 on the identification and designation of European critical infrastructures and the assessment of the need to improve their protection (OJ, L 345/75 of 23 December 2008).

Transitional and concluding provisions

§ 2. In the Ministry of Interior Act (prom. SG 17 of 2006l amend. SG 30 of 2006) the following amendments shall be made:

1. In Art. 97, items 1 and 2 the words "disasters, accidents" shall be deleted.
2. In Art. 110, para 2 the words "and under Art. 37, 38 and 39 of the Crisis Management Act shall be deleted.
3. In Art. 150, para 2 item 3 shall be repealed.

§ 3. In the Law for the Defence and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Bulgaria (prom. SG 112 of 1995; amend, SG 67 of 1996, SG 122 of 1997, SG 70, 93, 152 and 153 of 1998, SG 12, 67 and 69 of 1999, SG 49 and 64 of 2000, SG 25 of 2001, SG 1, 40, 45 and 119 of 2002, SG 50, 86, 95 and 112 of 2003, SG 93 and 111 of 2004, SG 27, 38, 76, 88, 102 and 105 of 2005, SG 30, 36, 56, 82 and 91 of 2006) the following amendment and supplement shall be made:

1. In Art. 30, para 3 after the words "the Minister of the Regional Development and Welfare" shall be added "the Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

2. Art. 44a shall be created:

"Art. 44a. The Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents shall organise and coordinate the implementation of the tasks upon civil defence from the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949 (non promulgated), ratified with Decree № 181 of the Presidium of the National Assembly of 1954 (Izvestia -43 of 1954), and the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1977, ratified with Decree № 1586 of the State Council of 1989 (SG 62 of 1989)."

§ 4. In the Code of Social Insurance (Prom., SG 110 of 1999, SG 55 of 2000 - Decision № 5 of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Bulgaria of 2000; amend SG 64 of 2000, SG 1, 35 and 41 of 2001, SG 1, 10, 45, 74, 112, 119 and 120 of 2002, SG 8, 42, 67, 95, 112 and 114 of 2003, SG 12, 38, 52, 53, 69, 70, 112 and 115 of 2004, SG 38, 39, 76, 102, 103, 104 and 105 of 2005, SG 17, 30, 34, 56, 57, 59, 68, 82 and 95 of 2006) in Art. 69 para 4 shall be created:

"(4) The officials in the Directorate-General of Civil Protection National Service to the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents, implementing some of the activities under Art. 71 para 1, items 3 – 6 of the Law on Protection in Case of Disasters, upon termination of the legal relation shall acquire the right of retirement, regardless of the age, at 25 years social insurance length of service,

from which two thirds actually served in the system of the civil protection, or if they have served 15 years at a position "diver".

§ 5. In the Law of the Forests (prom SG 125 of 1997; amend SG 79 and 133 of 1998, SG 26 of 1999, SG 29 and 78 of 2000, SG 77, 79 and 99 of 2002, SG 16 and 107 of 2003, SG 72 and 105 of 2005, SG 29, 30, 34, 36 and 82 of 2006) in Art. 42, para 4, item 4 after the words "the Ministry of Interior" shall be added "the territorial units of the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 6. In the Law for Healthy and Safe Labour Conditions (prom SG 124 of 1997, amend SG 86 of 1999, SG 64 and 92 of 2000, SG 25 and 111 of 2001, SG 18 and 114 of 2003, SG 70 of 2004, SG 76 of 2005, SG 33 and 48 of 2006) the following amendment and supplements shall be made:

1. In Art. 2, para 2 the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

2. In Art. 20, para 2 the words "the chairman of the State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 7. In the Law for Taxation of the Income of Physical Persons (prom. SG 118 of 1997, SG 35 of 1998 - Decision № 6 of the Constitutional Court of 1998; amend SG 71 and 153 of 1998, SG 50, 103 and 111 of 1999, SG 105 of 2000, SG 110 of 2001, SG 40, 45, 61 and 118 of 2002, SG 42, 67, 95 and 112 of 2003, SG 36, 37, 53, 70 of 108 of 2004, SG 43, 102, 103 and 105 of 2005, SG 17 and 63 of 2006) in Art. 19, para 2, item 1 at the end shall be added "ration money according to Art. 75 of the Law on Protection in Case of Disasters".

§ 8. In the Labour Code (prom SG 26 and 27 of 1986; amend, SG 6 of 1988, SG 21, 30 and 94 of 1990, SG 27, 32 and 104 of 1991, SG 23, 26, 88 and 100 of 1992, SG 69 of 1995 - Decision № 12 of the Constitutional court of 1995; amend. SG 87 of 1995, SG 2, 12 and 28 of 1996, SG 124 of 1997, SG 22 of 1998, SG 52 of 1998 - Decision № 11 of the Constitutional court of 1998; amend SG 56, 83, 108 and 133 of 1998, SG 51, 67 and 110 of 1999, SG 25 of 2001, SG 1, 105 and 120 of 2002, SG 18, 86 and 95 of 2003, SG 52 of 2004, SG 19, 27, 46, 76, 83 and 105 of 2005, SG 24, 30, 48, 57, 68 and 75 of 2006) the following supplements shall be made:

1. In Art. 144, item 2 after the word "crises" shall be added "or disasters".

2. In Art. 157, para 1, item 7 the words "reaction in case of crises" shall be replaced with "the protection in case of disasters".

3. In Art. 218, paras 1 and 2 after the word "crises" shall be added "or disaster".

§ 9. In the Civil Servant Act (prom SG 67 of 1999; amend. SG 1 of 2000, SG 25, 99 and 110 of 2001, SG 45 of 2002, SG 95 of 2003, SG 70 of 2004, SG 19 of 2005, SG 24 and 30 of 2006) the following supplement shall be made:

1. In Art. 62, para 1, item 8 the words "reaction in case of crises" shall be replaced with "the protection in case of disasters".

2. In Art. 77, para 1 and 2 after the word "crises" shall be added "or a disaster".

§ 10. In the Traffic Act (prom. SG 20 of 1999; amend SG 1 of 2000, SG 43, 45 and 76 of 2002,

SG 16 and 22 of 2003, SG 6, 70, 85 and 115 of 2004, SG 79, 92, 99, 102, 103 and 105 of 2005, SG 30, 34, 61, 64, 82 and 85 of 2006) the following amendments shall be made:

1. In Art. 91, para 3 the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

2. In Art. 140, para 4 the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 11. In the Health Act (prom SG 70 of 2004; amend SG 46, 76, 85, 88, 94 and 103 of 2005, SG 18, 30, 34, 59, 71, 75, 81 and 95 of 2006) in Art. 114, para 2 the words "with the Permanent Commission for Protection of the Population in Case of Disasters, Accidents and Catastrophes with the Council of Ministers" shall be deleted, and the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 12. In the Road Transport Act (prom SG 82 of 1999; amend SG 11 and 45 of 2002, SG 99 of 2003, SG 70 of 2004, SG 88, 92, 95, 102, 103 and 105 of 2005, SG 30, 85 and 92 of 2006) the following amendments shall be made:

1. In Art. 89, para 2, item 4, letter "b" the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

2. In Art. 89a, para 3, item 2 the words "the State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 13. In the Penal Code (prom. SG 26 of 1968; corrected SG 29 of 1968; amend. SG 92 of 1969, SG 26 and 27 of 1973, SG 89 of 1974, SG 95 of 1975, SG 3 of 1977, SG 54 of 1978, SG 89 of 1979, SG 28 of 1982; corrected SG 31 of 1982; amend. SG 44 of 1984, SG 41 and 79 of 1985; corrected SG 80 of 1985; amend., SG 89 of 1986; corrected SG 90 of 1986; amend., SG 37, 91 and 99 of 1989, SG 10, 31 and 81 of 1990, SG 1 and 86 of 1991; corrected SG 90 of 1991; amend. SG 105 of 1991, SG 54 of 1992, SG 10 of 1993, SG 50 of 1995, SG 97 of 1995 - Decision № 19 of the Constitutional court of 1995; amend., SG 102 of 1995, SG 107 of 1996, SG 62 and 85 of 1997, SG 120 of 1997 - Decision № 19 of the Constitutional court of 1997; amend. SG 83, 85, 132, 133 and 153 of 1998, SG 7, 51 and 81 of 1999, SG 21 and 51 of 2000, SG 98 of 2000 - Decision № 14 of the Constitutional court of 2000; amend. SG 41 and 101 of 2001, SG 45 and 92 of 2002, SG 26 and 103 of 2004, SG 24, 43, 76, 86 and 88 of 2005, SG 59 and 75 of 2006) in Art. 195, para 3 the words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 14. Environment Protection Act (Prom. SG 91 of 2002; corrected SG 98 of 2002; amend. SG 86 of 2003, SG 70 of 2004, SG 74, 77, 88, 95 and 105 of 2005, SG 30, 65 and 82 of 2006) the following amendment shall be made:

1. In Art. 23, para 1 the words "the State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

2. In Art. 110a, para 2 the words "the chairman of the State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 15. Act on Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery (prom. SG 79 of 1998; amend. SG 22 of 2003, SG 74 and 88 of 2005, SG 30, 34 and 82 of 2006) in Art. 9, para 14 the

words "State agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 16. The Water Supply and Sewerage Services Regulation Act (prom. SG 18 of 2005; amend. SG 30 and 65 of 2006) in Art. 18, para 1, item 3 the words "the Permanent Commission for Protection of the Population in Case of Disasters, Accidents and Catastrophes" shall be replaced with "the Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 17. In the Roads Act (prom. SG 26 of 2000; amend. SG 88 of 2000, SG 111 of 2001, SG 47 and 118 of 2002, SG 9 and 112 of 2003, SG 6, 14, 88 and 104 of 2004, SG 30, 36 and 64 of 2006) in Art. 21, para 3, item 5 the words "State Agency "Civil protection" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 18. Ambient Air Quality Act (prom. SG 45 of 1996; corrected SG 49 of 1996; amend., SG 85 of 1997, SG 27 of 2000, SG 102 of 2001, SG 91 of 2002, SG 112 of 2003, SG 95 of 2005) in Art. 3, para 2, item 4 the words "the State agency "Civil protection" to the Council of Ministers" shall be replaced with "the Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents".

§ 19. In the Internal Audit in the Public Sector Act (prom. SG 27 of 2006; amend. SG 64 of 2006) in the Annex to Art. 12, para 1, item 5 and item 12 "State agency "Civil protection" shall be deleted.

§ 20. (1) The Council of Ministers within three months after the entry into force of this Act shall adopt the regulation under Art. 54, para 6.

(2) The by-laws, issued on the ground of the repealed Law on Assistance in Case of Social Disasters (prom. SG 304 of 1948; corrected SG 308 of 1948; amend., extraordinary issue 17 of 1955; SG 63 of 1976; repealed, SG 19 of 2005) shall keep their force until the adoption of the regulation under para 1.

§ 21. The Council of Ministers within 6 months after the entry into force of the Law shall adopt the ordinances under Art. 10, para 2, Art. 12, para 4 and Art. 13, para 3.

§ 22. The Minister of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents within four months after the entry into force of the Act shall issue the regulations under Art. 15, para 2, the ordinance under Art. 47, para 2 and the instructions under Art. 71, para 2.

The Act was passed by the 40th National Assembly on December 6, 2006 and is affixed with the official seal of the National Assembly.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT ON STATE PUBLIC INSURANCE BUDGET 2008

(PROM. - SG 113/07, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2008)

§ 8. The Act shall enter into force from 1 January 2008, except for § 5, item 1, letter "a", which shall enter into force from 1 January 2007.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE ACT ON THE NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY CALLS WITH THE SINGLE EUROPEAN NUMBER 112

(PROM. - SG 102/08, IN FORCE FROM 28.11.2008)

§ 10. In the Disaster Protection Act (prom. – SG 102/06; amend. – SG 41 and 113/07 and SG 69/08) everywhere the words "the Ministry of the State Policy for Disasters and Accidents", "Ministry of the State Policy for Disasters and Accidents", "the Minister of the State Policy for Disasters and Accidents" and "Minister of the State Policy for Disasters and Accidents" shall be replaced respectively with "the Ministry of Emergency Situations", "Ministry of Emergency Situations", "the Minister of Emergency Situations" and "Minister of Emergency Situations".

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE ACT ON THE DEFENSE AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

(PROM. - SG 35/09, IN FORCE FROM 12.05.2009)

§ 46. The Law shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Concluding provisions TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT

(PROM. - SG 74/09, IN FORCE FROM 15.09.2009)

§ 48. This Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette except § 1, which shall enter into force from 15 September 2009, and § 47, which shall enter into force from 1 October 2009.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACT

(PROM. - SG 93/09, IN FORCE FROM 25.12.2009)

§ 100. This Act shall enter into force one month after its promulgation in the State Gazette except § 1, 2, 21, 36, 39, 41, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 70 and 91, which shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE BULGARIAN FOOD SAFETY AGENCY ACT**

(PROM. - SG 8/11, IN FORCE FROM 25.01.2011)

§ 30. The Act shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH ACT**

(PROM. - SG 98/10, IN FORCE FROM 14.12.2010)

§ 121. The Act shall enter into force from January 1, 2011, except for:

1. paragraphs 1, 16, 20, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 44, § 56, item 1 and 2, § 65, 68, 70, 76, 80, 81, 90, 92, 96, § 102, items 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, § 105, items 1, 3 and 5, § 107, items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, letter "a", items 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15, letter "a", § 109, 110, 112, 113, § 115, item 5, § 116, item 4 and 6, § 117, item 5 and 7 and § 118, item 1, which shall enter into force from the date of promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette;

2. paragraph 102, items 1, 2 and 6, which shall enter into force from March 1, 2011;

3. paragraphs 22, item 1 (in relation to Art. 36, para 1, second sentence), § 37, § 48, item 2, § 51 and 59, which shall enter into force from July 1, 2011;

4. paragraph 107, item 15, letter "b", which shall enter into force from September 30, 2011.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE BULGARIAN FOOD SAFETY AGENCY ACT**

(PROM. - SG 8/11, IN FORCE FROM 25.01.2011)

§ 30. The Act shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE DISASTER PROTECTION ACT**

(PROM. - SG 80 FROM 2011, IN FORCE FROM 14.10.2011)

§ 50. The funds required for the year 2012 for the purpose of purchasing individual means of iodine prophylaxis shall be provided by the Ministry of Interior through the Interdepartmental Relief and Recovery Commission at the MI.

§ 51. The registered voluntary formations shall be reregistered in compliance with the new requirements within 6-months term from entry into force of the ordinance under Art. 44, para 2.

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§ 57. The Act shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette.