

1. Preamble

The Meteoalarm Internet page of the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia (Serbian RHMS) contains important, mostly graphic information on extraordinary and hazardous meteorological phenomena and events. It is a component of the Operational Hydro – Meteorological Warning System of the Serbian RHMS. Its goal is to inform general public of the predicted extraordinary and hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena and events. At the same time, its information and advice will indicate the need of individual or corporate protection. In this way, the overall capacity of the community for an efficient combat against natural disasters is built, damages caused by destructive meteorological and hydrological phenomena/events are reduced and the system of prompt remediation of consequences is thus fully supported.

Graphic information and symbols are in accordance with global graphic symbols, so it is easy to follow similar systems in other countries.

2. Provisions and conditions for use of the Internet Page of the Meteoalarm of the Serbian RHMS

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3. Important links/connections

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4. Presentation of information at the Meteoalarm Internet Page

The Early Warning System consists of textual, table and graphic presentation of important information together with the geographic map of Serbia for 11 geographic and administrative areas in Serbia (Backa, Srem, Banat, City of Belgrade, Western Serbia, Sumadija, Pomoravlje, Eastern Serbia, Southwestern Serbia, Southeastern Serbia, Kosovo and Metohija).

The extraordinary and hazardous meteorological elements and events are represented by global, international symbols. A coloured coded map in combination with these symbols ensures fast viewing of the predicted extraordinary and hazardous meteorological and hydrological elements and phenomena. Four risk levels have been established in the context of extraordinary and hazardous meteorological elements and phenomena. Each risk level has been marked with one colour (green, yellow, orange and red).

Green: It is not necessary to take special precaution measures.

Yellow: Weather may be hazardous (possibility). The predicted weather phenomena are not uncommon, but precautionary measures are needed if meteorological high risk activities are being undertaken. It is advisable to keep following the forecasts on expected meteorological conditions and not to take any unnecessary risk.

Orange: The weather is dangerous. Dangerous weather phenomena are predicted. It is very likely that such weather phenomena will cause material damage and be dangerous for people and animals. It is necessary to be very cautious, risk aware and regularly informed about the details of the expected meteorological conditions. Follow the advice given by the authorities.

Red: The weather is very dangerous. Hazardous weather phenomena are predicted. Great damages and accidents are possible. Such meteorological hazards can be very dangerous to the security of people and animals. We should keep ourselves informed about the details of expected meteorological conditions and risks. Follow the orders, instructions and advices given by the authorities.

Depending on the level of hazards geographical or administrative regions in Serbia are painted in the corresponding colour. Also, these regions are additionally represented by special symbols denoting a predicted weather phenomenon. Some additional data or information is presented in the form of a table.

5. Note

We would like to point out that this document has been conceived and made following the model of the document [“Terms and Conditions”](#) Meteoalarm – Alerting Europe for extreme weather, EUMETNET (The network of European Meteorological Services).

The reason for this is harmonization of the documents, symbols, information and our membership in the Meteoalarm system of the EUMETNET.