

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE**

### **1. Preamble**

The Meteoalarm webpage of the Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia (RHMS of Serbia), which is a governmental body with the status of a special organization, performing the functions of the National Hydrometeorological Service of the Republic of Serbia in the World Meteorological Organization and other international and European meteorological organizations, contains electronic operative systems with important, primarily graphic and cartographic information on extraordinary, unfavourable and hazardous meteorological and hydrological events, extreme natural events and/or disasters. The mentioned electronic systems are a component of the operational Hydrometeorological System of Early Warning and Alert of the RHMS of Serbia, and an integral part of the Meteoalarm ([www.meteoalarm.eu](http://www.meteoalarm.eu)) and Hydroalarm ([www.efas.eu](http://www.efas.eu)) systems of the European Union. The goal of this webpage of the RHMS of Serbia is to inform the general public, including the persons travelling through our country, on current meteorological and hydrological conditions and predicted extraordinary, unfavourable and hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena/events on the territory of the Republic of Serbia. At the same time, with the information it issues, the RHMS of Serbia indicates the potential adverse impacts on the health and safety of the population and property, that is, potential risks related to the predicted meteorological and/or hydrological extreme event or disaster, requiring a certain level of alertness. In this way, the overall capacity of the community for an efficient combat against natural disasters is built, focusing on the prevention and a readiness strategy based on the identification and quantification of potential risk. Damages and risks caused by destructive meteorological and hydrological phenomena/events are thus reduced and full support is given to the activities related to the preventive protection of endangered population and mitigation of impacts of extreme natural events and disasters.

Graphic information and symbols are aligned with universal graphic symbols that are used for depicting meteorological and hydrological disasters, so it is easy to follow similar systems in other countries, both within the Meteoalarm (Severe weather warning system for Europe) and Hydroalarm systems (European Flood Awareness System) of the European Union, and within the hydrometeorological systems of early warning and alert established in other regions of the world.

### **2. Terms and conditions for the use of the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia**

#### *2.1. General provisions*

The Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia with its graphic data and textual explanations provides the general public with information about the possible occurrence of meteorological and hydrological extreme events, hazards and disasters in the territory of the Republic of Serbia. The Meteoalarm data and information are provided exclusively with the goal to inform and warn the general public and cannot be used for commercial purposes.

The data and information on the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia are subject to continuous updating and changing. The employees at the RHMS of Serbia will do their utmost to ensure that the content of this webpage is of high quality and promptly updated, in line with the Law on Meteorological and Hydrological Activity and the regulations adopted on the basis of this Law.

The RHMS of Serbia shall not bear any responsibility for any possible error or delay related to the scheduled time of content updates in the case of Force Majeure. Also, they shall not be responsible for any actions taken on the basis of such errors or delays.

## *2.2. The use of the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia*

Access to the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia and the use of its contents constitute your acceptance of all terms and conditions, which take effect immediately on your first visit and use of the contents of this webpage.

The RHMS of Serbia shall have the right to change these Terms and Conditions of Use at any time by publishing all changes on its Meteoalarm webpage. The users shall be responsible to keep themselves informed on these changes by regularly reviewing all published changes. If a user continues using the contents after a change has been published, the user shall be considered to have accepted such change.

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## *2.3. Intellectual property*

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In case that the information or any other product of these electronic early warning and alert systems of the RHMS of Serbia is reused by third parties, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

- The data and information being reused shall not be modified, especially in terms of their meaning and content;
- When reusing the data and information, the source of information shall always be displayed as: **Meteoalarm of the RHMS of Serbia**, or as another source indicated in the contents or documents that are being reused;
- When reusing the data and information via internet applications, along with the indication: **Meteoalarm of the RHMS of Serbia, it shall be required to provide a link to the following page: [www.meteoalarm.rs](http://www.meteoalarm.rs)**;
- When reusing the data and information from this webpage via internet applications, the time of issue on [www.meteoalarm.rs](http://www.meteoalarm.rs) must be included, and the delay between the publication on the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia and the website of a user, as a third party, on average should be less than five minutes. In any case, the delay must never be larger than 10 minutes. Additionally, all users, as third parties, shall be required to publish the original time of publication with the following disclaimer: **Time delays between this website and the [www.meteoalarm.rs](http://www.meteoalarm.rs) website are possible, and for the real-time alert levels please use [www.meteoalarm.rs](http://www.meteoalarm.rs)**;
- All users of the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia, as third parties, producing copyrighted works consisting predominantly of the material from this webpage of the RHMS of Serbia, must provide a notice within such works identifying the source of the contents used, as well as a statement that such works are not subject to copyright protection.

### **3. Important links/connections**

The Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia contains some important links to other webpages within the Meteoalarm system of the European Union, aimed at providing more comfort and better information to the user. The RHMS of Serbia shall bear no responsibility towards third parties for the content and accuracy of the materials published on those webpages.

### **4. Presentation of information on the Meteoalarm webpage**

The electronic Meteoalarm System of Early Warning and Alert consists of the textual, tabular and graphic presentation of important meteorological information for 11 geographic or administrative areas in Serbia (Backa, Srem, Banat, City of Belgrade, Western Serbia, Sumadija, Pomoravlje, Eastern Serbia, Southwestern Serbia, Southeastern Serbia, Kosovo and Metohija), along with the presentation of a geographic map of the Republic of Serbia. The electronic Hydroalarm System of Early Warning and Alert consists of the textual, tabular and graphic presentation of important hydrological information for 16 catchment areas in the Republic of Serbia.

The extraordinary and hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena and extreme events are represented by global, international symbols. A colour-coded map in combination with these symbols ensures fast viewing of the predicted extraordinary and hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena and extreme events. Four internationally used

risk levels have been established in terms of extraordinary and hazardous meteorological and hydrological phenomena and extreme events. Each risk level is coded with one colour (green, yellow, orange and red), with the following meaning:

**Green (meteoalarm/hydroalarm):** It is not necessary to take any special precaution measures.

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

**Yellow (hydroalarm):** A significant water stage rise or fall. Moving ice covers from 10% to 40% of the water surface. Occurrence of the events that could require undertaking the measures **related to the first flood or ice alert**.

**Orange (meteoalarm):** The weather is dangerous. Dangerous weather phenomena have been predicted. It is very likely that such weather phenomena would cause damage to property and endanger 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 in charge of protection measures and rescue in emergency situations: Ministry of Interior – Sector for Emergency Management, ministries in charge of health, water management, agriculture, forestry, civil engineering, environment, etc. (hereinafter: competent authorities).

**Orange (hydroalarm):** A very significant water stage rise or fall. Moving ice covers from 50% to 100% (immovable ice) of the water surface. Occurrence of the events that could require undertaking the measures **related to the second flood or ice alert**. Follow the advice given by the competent authorities.

**Red (meteoalarm):** The weather is very dangerous. Hazardous weather phenomena have been predicted. Such meteorological hazards can cause **huge** damage to property and be **very** dangerous for the security of people and animals. Keep frequently informed about the details of the expected meteorological conditions and risks. Follow the orders and any advice given by the competent authorities.

**Red (hydroalarm):** Extreme hydrological events and conditions. Follow the orders and any advice given by the competent authorities.

Depending on the level of danger, geographical or administrative regions in Serbia are marked with the corresponding colour and the symbol representing the predicted weather phenomenon/extreme event. Certain pages contain additional data or information in the form of a table.

## 5. Note

It is important to point out that this document has been conceived and produced following the model of the document “Terms and Conditions” of the European Union’s system Meteoalarm – Alerting Europe for extreme weather, EUMETNET – Network of European Meteorological

Services (<http://www.meteoalarm.eu>). The reason for this is the requirement to harmonize the documents, symbols, information and contents of the Meteoalarm webpage of the RHMS of Serbia as an integral part of the European Meteoalarm system, arising from the full membership of the Republic of Serbia in the Network of European Meteorological Services – EUMETNET.