NATIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DECISION no. 4
of 3 August 2026

Pursuant to item 2 of Government Decision No. 378/2026 on the declaration of a hydrological state of alert, Articles 34 and 35 of Law No. 248/2025 on Crisis Management, and item 11, sub-items 11.1, 11.2, 11.5 and 11.9 of the Regulation on the Organisation and Functioning of the National Crisis Management Commission, approved by Government Decision No. 346/2026, taking into account the risk analysis presented by the Ministry of Environment and the National Crisis Management Centre concerning the hydrological situation and the measures required to prevent disruption of water supply to the population and essential services, and with a view to implementing and supplementing the measures ordered by Decision No. 2 of the National Crisis Management Commission of 28 July 2026, the National Crisis Management Commission

DECIDES:

1. The use of drinking water from public water supply systems and of water from surface sources for washing streets and pavements and for filling swimming pools and other recreational pools is prohibited. Water shall be used primarily to meet the essential needs of the population.

2. The abstraction of water into compensation reservoirs and the direct irrigation of agricultural land from the Dniester River at the intake point shall be permitted exclusively between 21:00 and 06:00, giving priority to horticultural crops (vineyards, orchards and vegetables) intended to ensure the food security of the population of the Republic of Moldova, as established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry.

3. Irrigation shall be carried out under the supervision of the National Land Improvement Agency, in coordination with the Public Institution National Administration “Apele Moldovei”. In sectors where the water level reaches the minimum technological threshold, the Ministry of Environment may order the temporary suspension of water abstraction until technological conditions are restored.

4. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development, together with public water supply and sewerage service operators, shall ensure continuous monitoring of the operating conditions of the water intakes on the Dniester River and shall implement, without delay, the technical and operational measures necessary to maintain the continuity of the public water supply service, depending on the evolution of the hydrological situation.

5. Industrial economic operators whose activities are not indispensable for the production of basic foodstuffs, for the medical sector or for public health shall reduce their water consumption by at least 20% by applying efficiency measures and limiting non-essential consumption.

6. JSC “Apă-Canal Chișinău”, in coordination with the Chișinău City Hall and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development, shall carry out the works

indispensable for maintaining the continuity of water supply to the municipality of Chișinău, requesting support where necessary.

7. Local public administration authorities and public water supply service operators in the Dniester River basin shall activate backup wells for water supply and shall use, where appropriate, local reserve funds for their commissioning and equipping.

8. The General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, in cooperation with local public administration authorities and depending on the evolution of the hydrological situation, shall ensure the preparation and maintenance of the logistical capacities required for the transport and distribution of drinking water by mobile tankers in localities affected by, or at risk of, an interruption of water supply.

9. The National Agency for Public Health and the Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring Authority shall intensify the monitoring of water quality at drinking water intakes through sampling and laboratory analysis: at least once every 24 hours for the duration of the hydrological state of alert; every 12 hours in the event of critical flows, extreme temperatures, algal blooms or suspected accidental pollution.

10. The release on loan, under the conditions of Articles 10 and 16 of Law No. 104/2020 on State and Mobilisation Reserves, of 5 high-capacity motor pumps from the state and mobilisation reserves, intended to ensure the continuity of water supply and rapid interventions, is approved, with exemption from the obligation to present a guarantee payment.

11. The Ministry of Environment shall regularly inform the population, through press releases and other official means of communication, about the evolution of the hydrological situation on the Dniester River, the mandatory water-saving measures, the restrictions imposed and the recommendations addressed to the population and economic operators.

12. The Ministry of Environment, the Public Institution National Administration “Apele Moldovei”, the Meteorology and Environmental Monitoring Authority, the Environment Agency, the National Agency for Public Health, the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations and the other authorities involved shall submit daily operational reports to the National Crisis Management Centre on the implementation of the measures provided for in this Decision by 09:00, or immediately in the event of major-impact events.

13. This Decision shall be binding on all central and local public administration authorities, public institutions, economic operators and other entities concerned, within the limits of their competences established by law, and shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

14. The National Crisis Management Centre shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Decision and shall regularly inform the National Crisis Management Commission on the status of implementation of the measures and, where appropriate, shall propose additional measures.

Prime Minister,
President of the Commission **[Stamp]** **Vasile TOFAN**