NATIONAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

DECISION no. 7
of 26 August 2026

Pursuant to Article 27(1), Articles 34 and 35 of Law No. 248/2025 on Crisis Management, and item 11, sub-items 11.1, 11.2, 11.5, 11.9 and 11.13 of the Regulation on the Organisation and Functioning of the National Crisis Management Commission, approved by Government Decision No. 346/2026, during the hydrological state of alert declared by Government Decision No. 378/2026, taking into account the risk analysis presented by the National Crisis Management Centre, and with a view to establishing a strict regime for saving and protecting drinking water resources under conditions of severe hydrological deficit, the National Crisis Management Commission

DECIDES:

1. Local public administration authorities shall ensure, throughout the state of alert, the operational monitoring of the functioning of water intakes, the application of measures for the rational use of water resources and the prompt exchange of information with the Ministry of Environment, the Public Institution National Administration “Apele Moldovei”, the Environment Agency, the National Crisis Management Centre and the supporting institutions.

2. Local public administration authorities shall assess and submit to the Ministry of Environment, the Public Institution National Administration “Apele Moldovei” and the Environment Agency, by 15 September 2026, a complete technical inventory of groundwater and alternative water sources (water wells, deep wells), their operating condition, as well as the estimated logistical needs for the backup supply of the population and of facilities of critical importance.

3. Operators of public water supply and sewerage services shall:

3.1. monitor on a daily basis the volumes of water abstracted and distributed;

3.2. identify and remedy water losses in the networks;

3.3. secure the reserves necessary for the continuous operation of the systems;

3.4. immediately inform the competent authorities of any risk of water supply difficulties;

3.5. reduce their own internal technical consumption, where appropriate (use of water for washing machinery, special vehicles, etc.).

4. Local public administration authorities shall limit the irrigation of public green spaces, which shall be permitted, in strictly necessary cases, only during time intervals with low evaporation and, as a priority, using non-potable water or other alternative sources.

5. In localities where there is a risk to the continuity of water supply, operators, together with local public authorities, shall develop and activate Water Supply Continuity Plans, including the identification of alternative sources and of emergency supply arrangements.

6. Irrigation shall be limited or carried out according to a schedule drawn up by the National Land Improvement Agency, giving priority to crops for which an interruption of irrigation could cause irreversible losses.

7. The use of drinking water for irrigation purposes is prohibited.

8. Enterprises shall apply consumption reduction measures, including the recirculation and reuse of water in technological processes, where this is technically feasible and does not pose risks to public health or the environment.

9. In item 10 of Decision No. 4 of the National Crisis Management Commission of 3 August 2026, the words “present a guarantee payment” are replaced by the words “submit a bank or financial guarantee and pay the loan fee”.

10. The National Crisis Management Centre shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Decision.

11. This Decision shall become enforceable upon its adoption.

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