

Moldovan Commission for Emergency Situations approves measures to ensure continuity of supply with electric energy

27 December 2024, Chişinău - The Commission for Emergency Situations (CSE) today approved, in the context of the emergency state, a string of measures due to ensure the continuity of consumers' supply with electric energy and control of all processes on this purpose.

To reduce the consumption of energy, starting from 1 January 2025, the administrators of the public buildings and of the trade units will limit the indoors illumination of buildings by at least 30 per cent, will disconnect the power supply in vitrines, decorative illumination, will limit the work of rolling stairs, etc.

The enterprises with energy-intensive production process will organize the working schedule, so that the processes in which they use most of the electric energy should be carried out outside the peak periods 7:00-11:00 and 18:00-23:00.

The administrators of administrative buildings and other buildings with lifts will place the announcement with the recommendation not to use the lifts in the time interval 7:00-11:00 and 18:00-23:00, in order to avoid the lift's blocking in movement.

At the same time, the managers of the water and sewerage supply enterprises will regulate the regime of work of pumps of reservoirs, in order to reduce to the minimum the consumption of electric energy on the periods 7:00-11:00 and 18:00-23:00 and will use at the maximum the potential of the reservoirs.

To enhance the awareness about the saving of energy resources, the mass media institutions will ensure the broadcasting, in the maximal audience period, of informative materials on the efficient and rational use of energy resources.

Prime Minister Dorin Recean stressed that, in the present conditions, it is important that Moldova fully uses its own capacities of production and import of electric energy. "We will fully turn to account the power stations and I thank all those who have so far invested in the renewable energy sector. This investment settles now the problem of supply with electric energy. The government will encourage, in continuation, these enterprises: any MW of energy produced in the country, at correct costs, helps us. We should be united, we should together overcome this situation imposed from abroad," the prime minister stressed.

The CSE decision sees that, starting from 1 January 2025, during 6:00-23:00, the electric energy produced in Moldova will be traded only on the domestic market. Its export will be banned in this time interval, except for the days-off and the holidays days-off. PM Dorin Recean noted that this was a temporary measure, of solidarity, in order to overcome the situation in the energy sector.

To efficiently turn to account the sources of generation of energy, the competent authorities will de-block the capacities of connection to the electric energy network for the potential producers who were holders of notifications of connection of power stations and which finished at least the stage of coordination with the system operator of the project on fulfillment for the concerned power station.

The decision also sees the fact that, on the period of the emergency state, no penalties will be calculated between the participants in the retail market and wholesale market of electric energy, if the payment term is not observed. This measure is enforced also in the case of the natural gas supplied/ delivered for a period which will not exceed 45 days.

Another measure approved will allow the temporary placement, on the period of the emergency state, of electric generators on public property grounds, adjacent to the private property, without the preliminary coordination of the placement scheme, with the observance of the norms of safety, access and public order. The local public administrations and the public institutions which have heating stations working on solid biofuel will use the latter, as priority.

Starting from 16 December, Moldova has been in emergency state, given the potential humanitarian crisis in the Transnistrian region through the non-observance by Russia of the contract on deliveries of natural gas to the consumers from the left bank of Dniester. This might lead including to the interruption of the production of electric energy by the Kuchurgan power station.