



BELARUS



Ministry for Emergency Situations

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In the Republic of Belarus the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus (further - MES), reorganised on September 11, 1998, is a republican state management body which carries out management in sphere of prevention and liquidation of natural and man-made emergency situations, maintenance of fire, industrial and radiation safety, civil defence.

1. Legislation:

The following laws determine the legal basis for emergency management:

- "Protection of the Population and the Territories in Natural and Man-made Disasters" Act ;
- "Fire Safety" Act ;
- "Radiation Safety for the .Population" Act ;
- "Industrial Safety and Dangerous Industrial Works" Act ;
- "Rescue Services and Status of the Rescuer" Act ;
- "Transportation of Dangerous Substances" Act.

Several draft bills are currently being prepared for examination by the Parliament. These are:

- "Services of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus" Act;
- "State of Emergency" Act ;
- "Oil and gas pipeline transportation" tact.

2. Mission:

The basic tasks of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus are to;

- develop and implement legal and economic regulations regarding the protection of the population and the territories in emergency situations;

- gather, process, exchange and distribute information related to the protection of the population and the territories in emergency situations;
- prepare the population for action in emergency situations;
- liquidate emergency situations;
- co-operate internationally in the field of protection of the population and the territories in emergency situations.

3. Regulation and procedure:

Management of operations on liquidation of emergency situations is carrying out in case of:

local emergency situations - fire and rescue units, division and posts at objects;

local emergency situations, which distributed in the territory of district (city), other settlements - fire and rescue units, division and posts in cities (districts);

regional emergency situations, which distributed in the territory of region (Minsk) - regional and Minsk city division of the MES;

republican emergency situation, which covers territory of two and more regions - the MES, commissions on emergency situations with the Commission on Emergency Situations at the Council of Ministries of the Republic of Belarus;

transboundary emergency situation, which covers territory of the republic and neighbour states - Commission on Emergency Situations at the Council of Ministries of the Republic of Belarus, the MES, territorial commission on emergency situations of State System for Prevention and Liquidation of Emergency Situations,

In special cases forces of other republican state management bodies, organisations are engaged and governmental commission is formed.

Specially prepared forces and means of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus, and other troops and military formations can be used for the liquidation of emergency situations in the Republic of Belarus. The President of the Republic of Belarus determines the order of involvement.

4. Organization:

Structure of the Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus:

- Ministry for Emergency Situations;
- Regional and Minsk city division of MES;
- City and regional departments;
- Fire and rescue units, division and posts in cities, districts, at objects;
- Educational, scientific institutions, organizations and other divisions.

5. Staff:

Citizens of Republic of Belarus after 18 years can serve on voluntary basis in the MES

6. Training:

Training in the MES is held in educational institutions of MES (Command and Engineering Institute, Gomel Command and Engineering higher school), educational centres of regional and Minsk city divisions, city(district) departments of emergency situations, in fire and rescue units and divisions. The retraining and professional development in MES is made in institute of retraining and professional development MES of the Republic of Belarus. Besides, the personal of MES is trained in higher and secondary special educational institutions of other ministries and departments.

7. Equipment/appliances:

Ministry for Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus has the following equipment: tank trucks, emergency response cars, special machinery, subsidiary machinery; armed vehicle, engineering machinery.

8. Finances:

Bodies and divisions of emergency situations are financing from the republican budget and also from governmental and non-governmental organizations according.

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