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# Act of 11 February 2010, containing provisions for the fire services, disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance (Security Regions Act)

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We Beatrix, by the grace of God, Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange-Nassau, etc., etc., etc.

To all to whom these presents shall come, be seen or heard, Greeting! Be it known: Whereas We have considered that it is desirable to have administrative and operational integration at regional level of fire services, disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance, while retaining local anchors, in order to ensure effective and efficient assistance, partly on the basis of coordinated preparation, and to establish security regions to this effect;

We, therefore, having heard the Council of State, and in consultation with the States General, have approved and decreed as We hereby approve and decree:

## § 1. General Provisions

### Section 1

For the purposes of this Act and any provisions based upon it:

*Our Minister* shall mean: Our Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations;

*security region* shall mean: a public body as referred to in section 9;

*disaster* shall mean: a serious accident or other incident whereby the lives and the health of many people, the environment or significant material interests have been harmed or are threatened to a serious degree and whereby a coordinated deployment of services or organisations from various disciplines is required to remove the threat or to limit the harmful consequences;

*disaster management* shall mean: the entirety of measures and facilities, including the preparation therefore, which the municipal authority or the management board of a security region takes with regard to a disaster, the prevention of a disaster and limiting the consequences of a disaster;

*crisis* shall mean: a situation in which a vital interest of society is affected or is at risk of being affected;

*crisis management*: the entirety of measures and facilities, including the preparation therefore, that the municipal authority or the management board of a security region provides in a crisis to maintain public order, if applicable in conjunction with the measures and facilities which are provided on the basis of authority with regard to a crisis, granted by or pursuant to any other Act;

*medical assistance* shall mean: medical assistance in the framework of disaster management and crisis management by personnel appointed for this purpose, as part of a coordinated deployment of services and organisations from various disciplines, through mediation of an incident room;

*Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR)* shall mean: the emergency medical assistance organisation in the region, charged with the coordination, steering and management of medical assistance and with advising other authorities and organisations in that area;

*Ambulance Service* shall mean: the party who pursuant to the Ambulance Transportation Act (*Wet ambulancevervoer*) has been granted a permit to provide ambulance services;

*Security Council* shall mean: the chairmen of the security regions collectively.

## § 2. The Municipality

### Section 2

The municipal executive is charged with the organisation of:

- a. fire services;
- b. disaster management and crisis management;
- c. medical assistance.

### **Section 3**

1. Fire services encompass:
  - a. preventing, containing and fighting fire, containing fire risk, preventing and containing incidents in the event of fire and everything connected therewith;
  - b. limiting and controlling danger to humans and animals in the event of incidents other than fire.
2. The municipal council shall establish rules in a fire safety by-law on the task referred to in subsection 1.a above.
3. Rules on the fire-safe use of areas accessible to people, other than buildings and rules on the primary emergency services in those areas shall be established by order in council.

### **Section 4**

1. In the event of fire and in the event of incidents other than fire insofar as the fire service has a task in such incidents, authority shall be vested in the mayor.
2. In the event of fire and incidents, as referred to in subsection 1, the mayor has the authority to give the orders necessary for the purpose of preventing, containing and controlling danger.

### **Section 5**

The mayor has the highest command in the event of a disaster or serious fear of a disaster occurring. The parties participating in the disaster management are under his command.

### **Section 6**

The mayor can give the ambulance services in the region of which his municipality forms part instructions if he considers such to be necessary from the perspective of public order.

### **Section 7**

1. The mayor shall ensure that the population is given information on the origin, the scope and the consequences of a disaster or crisis which has struck or is threatening the municipality, as well as the procedure to be followed in this respect.
2. The mayor shall ensure that the people in his municipality who are involved in the disaster management or crisis management are given information on such disaster or crisis, on the risks which their involvement may have for their health and the precautionary measures which have been or shall be taken in connection therewith.
3. The mayor shall adjust his information provision referred to in subsections 1 and 2 to correspond to the information provided by or under the responsibility of Our Ministers involved in disasters and crises.
4. Additional rules on the information provision referred to in subsections 1 and 2 shall be established by order in council.

## **§ 3. The Security Region**

### **Section 8**

The territory of the Netherlands is divided into regions, in accordance with the Annex to this Act, which may be altered by order in council.

## **Section 9**

The municipal executives of the municipalities which belong to a region as referred to in section 8 shall draw up joint regulations establishing a public body designated as: security region.

## **Section 10**

The regulations referred to in section 9 shall transfer the following tasks and powers to the management board of the security region:

- a. taking stock of fire, disaster and crisis risks;
- b. advising the competent authorities on risks of fires, disasters and crises in the cases designated by or pursuant to an Act of Parliament and in the cases stipulated in the policy plan;
- c. advising the municipal executive on the task referred to in section 3.1;
- d. preparing for fire fighting and organising the disaster management and crisis management;
- e. setting up and maintaining a fire service;
- f. setting up and maintaining a Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR);
- g. providing the incident room function;
- h. procuring and managing communal equipment;
- i. setting up and maintaining the information provision within the services of the security region and between these services and the other services and organisations which are involved in the tasks referred to under d, e, f, and g.

## **Section 11**

1. In derogation of section 13.1 of the Joint Regulations Act (*Wet gemeenschappelijke regelingen*), the general management board of the security region shall be comprised of the mayors of the participating municipalities.
2. In derogation of section 13.9 of the Joint Regulations Act, the chairman of the management board shall be the mayor who has been appointed regional police force manager pursuant to the Police Act 1993 (*Politiewet 1993*). The chairman can be suspended and dismissed pursuant to section 23 of the Police Act 1993.
3. The management board shall appoint one of its members who shall deputise for the chairman in his absence.
4. The chairman shall represent the security region in and out of court.
5. The management board of the security region shall decide by a majority of votes. If the votes are tied, the chairman shall have the deciding vote.

## **Section 12**

1. The Chief Public Prosecutor as referred to in section 1.3 of the Police Act 1993, and the chairman of the water board within whose territory the security region is situated, are invited to participate in the meetings of the management board of the security region. If the territory of a security region is situated in more than one water board, the relevant chairmen of the water boards shall determine who of them shall participate in the meetings.
2. The chairman of the security region shall invite other officials, whose presence is important in connection with the topics to be discussed, to the meetings of the management board of the security region.

## **Section 13**

The King's Commissioner shall be invited to attend the meetings of the management board of the security region. The Commissioner may opt to be represented.

## **Section 14**

1. The management board of the security region shall establish a policy plan at least once every four years, in which the policy is laid down with regard to the tasks of the security region.
2. The policy plan shall in any event include:
  - a. a description of the intended operational performance of the services and organisations of the security region, and of the police, as well as of the municipalities in the framework of disaster management and crisis management;
  - b. an elaboration, taking account of the circumstances in the relevant security region, of national goals established by Our Minister as referred to in section 37;
  - c. an information subsection in which a description is given of the information provision within and between the services and organisations referred to under a. above;
  - d. a drill policy plan;
  - e. a description of the non-statutory advisory function referred to in section 10.b.;
  - f. the response times for the fire service and a description of the facilities and measures necessary for the fire service to be able to meet said times.
3. The management board shall coordinate the policy plan with the policy plans of the adjacent security regions and of the water boards in question, and with the regional police force's policy plan, referred to in section 31 of the Police Act 1993.

## **Section 15**

1. The policy plan referred to in section 14 shall in part be based on a risk profile determined by the management board of the security region.
2. The risk profile shall be comprised of:
  - a. a summary of the high-risk situations within the security region which may lead to a fire, disaster or crisis,
  - b. a summary of the types of fire, disaster and crisis which can occur in the security region, and
  - c. an analysis incorporating the weighting and estimation of the consequences of the types of fire, disaster and crisis.
3. The management board of the security region shall determine the risk profile after consultation with the councils of the participating municipalities, where the management board shall also ask the councils to announce their wishes as regards the policy to be incorporated into the policy plan.
4. In order to determine the risk profile, the management board of the security region shall in any event invite the regional board referred to in section 22 of the Police Act 1993, the boards of the relevant water boards and officials so appointed by Our other Ministers to present their views on the matter.
5. The management board of the security region shall invite the parties involved in possible disasters and crises in the region to a joint consultation on the risks in the region at least once a year.

## **Section 16**

1. The management board of the security region shall adopt a crisis plan at least once every four years, which shall in any event describe the organisation, the responsibilities, the tasks, powers and authorities in the framework of disaster management and crisis management.
2. The crisis plan shall include a description of the organisation, the responsibilities, the tasks and the powers and authorities with regard to the measures taken and facilities provided by the municipalities as to disaster management and crisis management, as well as of the agreements which have been made with other parties involved in possible disasters and crises.
3. The crisis plan shall in any event be coordinated with crisis plans adopted for the area covered by adjacent security regions and adjacent states.

4. The management board of the security region shall send the adopted crisis plan to the King's Commissioner.

### **Section 17**

1. Categories of establishments, categories of disasters and air travel sites for which the management board of the security region shall establish a disaster management plan can be designated by order in council. This plan shall include the measures which must be taken in the event of a disaster in those categories or at those air travel sites.
2. By or pursuant to the order in council referred to in subsection 1, rules shall be established regarding:
  - a. the content of the plan;
  - b. consulting the population when drawing up the plan and when making important changes to the plan;
  - c. the periodic testing and updating of the plan;
  - d. announcing a decision as referred to in subsection 3.
3. The management board of the security region can decide, on the basis of the information provided pursuant to section 48, that no disaster management plan need be drawn up for an establishment designated pursuant to subsection 1.

### **Section 18**

1. By or pursuant to order in council, rules can be established on:
  - a. the fire service and the response times to be determined for the fire service, the Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR) and the incident room;
  - b. the organisation of the disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance;
  - c. care of the municipal population in the framework of disaster management and crisis management.
2. By or pursuant to order in council, rules can be established for the fire service personnel on:
  - a. positions and ranks;
  - b. appointment and promotion requirements;
  - c. the requirements relating to the examination and monitoring of physical and mental suitability;
  - d. clothing and equipment.
3. Rules on training, examinations, additional education and drills shall be established for the fire service personnel by order in council. The relevant professional organisations that represent the interests of government personnel shall in any event be consulted as regards the rules to be established by or pursuant to said order in council.
4. The fire services training courses that shall be concluded with a national examination shall be determined by order in council. Our Minister shall issue the diploma.
5. Rules shall be established by order in council on how consultations shall take place with at least the relevant professional organisations that represent the interests of government personnel on the subject matter of the order in council referred to in subsection 2.

### **Section 19**

1. The management board of the security region, the regional board referred to in section 22 of the Police Act 1993, and Our Minister in his capacity as chief executive of the National Police Corps shall enter into a covenant for the purpose of cooperating in the event of fires, disasters and crises. A covenant on the police task performed by the Royal Military Constabulary, referred to in section 6.1.c. of the Police Act 1993, shall be entered into with Our Minister of Defence.

2. The covenant shall at least relate to the incident room function, information provision and information exchange, multidisciplinary drills and the operational performance of the police in the event of disasters and crises.

## **Section 20**

1. By Ministerial Regulation, rules can be established on the cooperation between security regions and between security regions and the regional police forces, the National Police Corps and the Royal Military Constabulary where performing the police task referred to in section 6.1.c. of the Police Act 1993 is concerned.
2. The Decision referred to in subsection 1 shall be issued with Our Minister of Defence's agreement if it contains regulations which also relate to the Royal Military Constabulary and it shall be issued by Our Minister and Our Minister of Justice jointly if it contains regulations with regard to criminal law enforcement or the performance of tasks on behalf of the Justice Department.

## **Section 21**

1. Rules on the information and communication facilities of and their use by the security region, as well as on protecting information can be established by Ministerial Regulation.
2. Frequencies for the transfer of data by means of the relevant designated information and communication facilities can be assigned to the security regions by Ministerial Regulation.

## **Section 22**

1. The management boards of the security regions shall be jointly charged with, at least, setting up uniform information and communication facilities, including determining the information needs and determining frameworks, standards and quality requirements for the purpose of information exchange within and between the organisations referred to in section 10.i, and, to the extent possible, for the purpose of personnel policy, procuring equipment and developing manuals and guidelines.
2. The management boards may make joint regulations for the tasks referred to in subsection 1 whereby a public body is established. The Joint Regulations Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
3. The National Government, represented by Our Minister who is involved on behalf of the services under his authority, or other legal entities insofar as their participation is relevant for the cooperation may also participate in the joint regulations referred to in subsection 2.
4. The Security Council shall promote the implementation of subsection 1.

## **Section 23**

The management board of the security region shall work to a quality assurance system.

## **Section 24**

1. The chairman of the security region shall furnish Our Minister upon his request with information on the way in which the security region performs its tasks.
2. If Our Minister has established national goals as referred to in section 37, the chairman of the security region shall send him annual reports on the performance of the national goals by the security region.
3. Rules on how to furnish the report referred to in subsection 2 can be established by Ministerial Regulation.

## **§ 4. The fire service**

### **Section 25**

1. The fire service established by the management board of the security region shall in any event perform the following tasks:
  - a. preventing, containing and fighting fire;
  - b. limiting and mitigating danger to people and animals in the event of incidents other than fire;
  - c. warning the population;
  - d. examining hazardous substances and carrying out decontaminations;
  - e. advising other public authorities and organisations as regards fire prevention, fire fighting and preventing and combating incidents with hazardous substances.
2. The regional fire service shall also perform tasks in the event of disasters and crises in the framework of disaster management and crisis management.
3. The regional fire service shall be headed by a commander.

### **Section 26**

1. When establishing regulations as referred to in section 9, any municipal executive may decide to have a municipal fire service which shall perform the following tasks in its own municipality, in derogation of the opening words and points a. and b. of section 25.1:
  - a. preventing, containing and fighting fire;
  - b. limiting and mitigating dangers to people and animals in the event of incidents other than fire.
2. If a municipal executive decides to have a municipal fire service, it shall subject this to a quality assurance system.
3. If all municipalities in a region decide to have municipal fire services, the opening words and points a. and b. of section 25.1 shall not apply.
4. If a municipal executive decides to abolish the municipal fire service, the regional fire service shall also perform the tasks set out in subsections 1.a. and 1.b. in said municipality.
5. After a decision as referred to in subsection 4, the participants shall amend the regulations referred to in section 9, and the municipal executive and the management board of the security region shall make any other provisions as necessary.

### **Section 27**

1. The municipal executive shall not appoint personnel of the municipal fire service to positions which the management board of the security region, in view of its responsibility, has designated as positions which may exclusively be filled by personnel serving with the security region.
2. Positions which may exclusively be held by fire service personnel serving with the security region may be designated by order in council.
3. The regulations for the municipal fire service referred to in section 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the municipal executives referred to in section 26.1.

### **Section 28**

1. If the mayor of a municipality with a municipal fire service requires support or assistance in the event of a fire, he shall make a request to that effect to the chairman of the security region.
2. Unless there are urgent reasons that dictate otherwise, the chairman shall comply with the request, or he shall approach the mayor of another municipality in his region on the matter or, if necessary,

the chairman of an adjacent security region, who shall make the necessary provisions unless there are urgent reasons that dictate otherwise.

3. The regulations referred to in section 9 shall include provisions on providing support, including the funding thereof.
4. Our Minister may make a contribution towards the costs incurred by a municipality as a result of the provision of assistance as referred to in subsection 2.
5. In derogation of subsection 1, a mayor who requires support may make a direct request for support to the mayor of an adjacent municipality with a municipal fire service situated within the region. The mayor shall inform the chairman of the security region of his request.
6. In derogation of subsection 1, a mayor who requires assistance may make a direct request for assistance to the mayor of an adjacent municipality with a municipal fire service situated outside the region. The mayors shall inform the chairmen of their own security regions of this request.

### **Section 29**

1. Our Minister may instruct the municipal executive of a municipality with a municipal fire service if a fire service fails to properly perform its tasks.
2. Our Minister shall not give an instruction until after he has heard the municipal executive on the matter of the intended instruction.
3. If the municipal fire service continues to fail to properly perform its tasks, Our Minister can instruct the municipal executive to abolish the municipal fire service. Sections 26.4 and 26.5. shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in such event.

### **Section 30**

1. Rules on the safety, quality, normalisation and standardisation of the fire service and rescue equipment which is manufactured, imported or put on the market for the purpose of being used in this country may be established by or pursuant to order in council.
2. Fees may be charged for inspections which are carried out pursuant to order in council as referred to in subsection 1, which fees shall be in accordance with rules established in the order. These fees shall not be charged to public law bodies.

### **Section 31**

1. The management board of the security region may designate an establishment which could cause danger to public safety in the event of a fire or incident as being subject liable to have a company fire service.
2. The head or the director of a designated establishment shall ensure that said establishment has a company fire service at its disposal which complies with the requirements laid down in said designation with regard to personnel and equipment.
3. In derogation of subsection 1, the designation shall be made by Our Minister if the matter concerns an establishment which is situated on or forms part of a site being used by the military, insofar as information is at stake whose confidentiality is required in the interests of national security. Before a designation is made, Our Minister shall question the head or the director of the establishment.
4. The categories of establishments that may be designated, the manner in which the designation may be decided, and the requirements to be complied with by the personnel and the equipment shall be laid down by or pursuant to order in council.
5. The head or the director of an establishment as referred to in subsection 4 shall provide the management board of the security region or Our Minister with the necessary information to enable



them to exercise their authority to designate as referred to in this section.

6. Before 1 February of any year, the head or the director of a designated establishment shall furnish the management board of the security region or Our Minister with a survey of the actual strength of the company fire service as at 1 January of that year.
7. The head or the director of a designated establishment shall ensure that as regards actions necessary for fire fighting or for mitigating other danger within the establishment, the company fire service follows the instructions of the individual who, pursuant to a statutory regulation, is charged with the de facto management of said fire fighting or danger mitigation intervention.

## **§ 5. The Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR)**

### **Section 32**

1. The Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR) shall be headed by a director. The GHOR director shall be a member of the executive board of the municipal health service situated in the area of the security region.
2. The GHOR director shall be charged with the operational management of medical assistance.

### **Section 33**

1. Institutions as referred to in the Healthcare Institutions Admission Act (*Wet toelating zorginstellingen*), healthcare providers as referred to in the Individual Healthcare Professions Act (*Wet op de beroepen in de individuele gezondheidszorg*), ambulance services and health services in the region that have a medical assistance task shall take the necessary measures with regard to their task and the relevant preparations to such effect.
2. The management board of the security region and the institutions, healthcare providers, ambulance services and health services as referred to in subsection 1, working in said region, shall make written agreements on the deployment of these institutions, care providers, ambulance services and health services in the performance of their task and the relevant preparations to such effect.
3. The institutions, care providers, ambulance transporters and health services as referred to in subsection 1 shall furnish the management board of the security region with all information regarding their deployment and the relevant preparations to such effect by means of the annual social responsibility document as referred to in section 16 of the Healthcare Institutions Admission Act.
4. Requirements regarding the content of agreements referred to in subsection 2 shall be laid down by order in council.

### **Section 34**

1. If the medical assistance provided or the relevant preparations fall short in the opinion of the management board of the security region, the management board shall enter into consultations with an institution or care provider as referred to in section 33.1.
2. If the chairman of the security region does not note an improvement, he may give the relevant institution and care provider a written instruction.
3. If the institution or care provider fails to rectify the situation, the chairman shall request Our Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport to take the necessary measures against the relevant institution or care provider.

## **§ 6. The Incident Room**

### **Section 35**

1. The management board of the security region shall have a joint incident room at its disposal which shall be established and maintained by the management board or by the management board of another security region for the fire service task, medical assistance, the ambulance services and the police task, on the understanding that the regional board referred to in section 22 of the Police Act 1993 shall see to the continuous operation of the police incident room, as part of the incident room.
2. The incident room shall be charged with receiving, registering and evaluating all acute requests for assistance in respect of the fire services, medical assistance, the ambulance services and the police, providing adequate assistance and supervising and coordinating the emergency services.
3. The incident room shall be managed by a director. The management board of the security region shall appoint the director after consultation with the regional police board. The director shall provide the management board of the security region with periodic reports on the functioning of the incident room, and shall have a right of approval as regards appointing and maintaining personnel in the incident room.
4. As regards the incident room function, the covenant referred to in section 19 shall in any event contain agreements on the location, policy and management, the finances, the performance, the supporting systems and the cooperation between the police and the fire services, medical assistance and ambulance services in the incident room.
5. If management boards of different regions decide to jointly make use of one incident room, written agreements shall be made in this respect between the relevant regional police boards, management boards of security regions and ambulance services.

## **§ 7. Coordinating Officer**

### **Section 36**

The management board of the security region shall appoint an officer who is charged with the coordination of the measures and facilities affecting the municipalities with regard to a disaster or crisis.

## **§ 8. National Objectives**

### **Section 37**

1. Our Minister can establish national goals with regard to disaster management and crisis management.
2. Our Minister shall send the decision in which he has established national goals to the management board of the security regions and the States General.

### **Section 38**

Our Minister, partly in view of national objectives to be set as referred to in section 37, shall periodically consult with the Security Council.

## **§ 9. Supra-local Disasters and Crises**

### **Section 39**

1. In the event of a disaster or crisis of more than local significance, or of serious fear that such a disaster or crisis may occur, the chairman of the security region, on behalf of the disaster management and crisis management in the relevant municipalities, shall have exclusive authority to apply:
  - a. sections 4 to 7 of this Act;
  - b. sections 172 to 177 of the Municipalities Act (*Gemeentewet*), with the exception of section

176.3 to 176.6;

c. sections 12, 15.1, 54.1, 57.1 and 60b.1 of the Police Act 1993;

d. sections 5 to 9 of the Public Assemblies Act (*Wet openbare manifestaties*).

2. The chairman of the security region shall convene a regional policy team comprised of the mayors of the municipalities involved or at risk of being involved in the disaster or crisis, and the Chief Public Prosecutor. The chairman of every water board directly involved shall be invited to form part of the policy team.
3. The chairman of the security region shall appoint a regional operations leader who shall be in charge of the management of a regional operations team, comprised of managers of the relevant services. The regional operations leader shall participate in the meetings of the regional policy team. The chairman of the security region shall furthermore invite the officials whose presence is relevant in connection with the circumstances to participate in the meetings.
4. Unless the urgency of the situation dictates otherwise, the chairman of the security region shall not make any decisions by applying the sections referred to in subsection 1 until after he has consulted the regional policy team. A mayor may have a written objection filed in the regional policy team if he is of the opinion that an intended decision disproportionately harms the interests of his municipality.
5. The chairman of the security region shall give the regional operations leader the orders he deems necessary in connection with the implementation of the decisions he has made.
6. As soon as circumstances permit, the chairman shall dissolve the regional policy team.

#### **Section 40**

1. After the end of a disaster or crisis of more than local significance, the chairman of the security region, in agreement with the mayors who formed part of the regional policy team, shall present a written report to the councils of the relevant municipalities on the course of events and the decisions he has made. He shall state in this respect whether a mayor has made use of the authority to file a written objection.
2. The chairman of the security region, in agreement with the mayors who formed part of the regional policy team, shall give written answers to the questions asked by the councils after receiving the report.
3. The chairman of the security region shall provide verbal information on the decisions referred to in subsection 1 in a council of a municipality in this security region if the relevant council so requests. The council shall send a copy of the request and of the documents referred to in subsections 1 and 2 to the King's Commissioner.
4. If the council, having heard the information of the chairman of the security region, decides to inform Our Minister of his position regarding the decisions referred to in subsection 1, such notification shall be effected by intervention of the King's Commissioner. The Commissioner shall have the position of the council accompanied by his opinion on the decisions, and copies of the documents referred to in subsections 1 and 2.
5. The King's Commissioner shall carry out the work referred to in subsection 4 in accordance with an official instruction issued by the government.

#### **Section 41**

1. The King's Commissioner shall see to it that the regional policy team cooperates and may give instructions in this respect.
2. The King's Commissioner shall carry out the work referred to in subsection 1 in accordance with an official instruction issued by the government.

## **Section 42**

1. In the event of a disaster or crisis of more than regional significance or serious fear that such shall occur, the King's Commissioner may give the chairman of the security region, if possible after consulting him, instructions on the policy to be followed with regard to the disaster management or crisis management.
2. The King's Commissioner shall carry out the work referred to in subsection 1 in accordance with an official instruction issued by the government.

## **Section 43**

The chairmen of the security regions and the King's Commissioners and Our Minister shall provide each other with the necessary information for their role in the application of sections 41 and 42.

## **Section 44**

1. If by or pursuant to the law, one of Our other Ministers has been given the authority to establish rules or take measures in the event of a disaster, he shall not make use of this authority until after consultation with Our Minister, unless the urgency of the matter dictates otherwise.
2. If by or pursuant to the law, one of Our other Ministers has been given the authority to establish rules or take measures in a crisis, he shall immediately inform Our Minister if he makes use of this authority.

## **§ 10. Information and Communication**

### **Section 45**

1. The Provincial Executive shall see to the production and the management of a geographic map indicating the risks present in the security region on the basis of the risk profile referred to in section 15. The risk map shall set out the location-specific and geographically distinguished risks as well as the details included in the public register referred to in section 12.12 of the Environmental Management Act (*Wet milieubeheer*). The map shall be made public.
2. The municipal executives in the province and the director-general of the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment shall furnish the Provincial Executive with the details necessary for the implementation of subsection 1.
3. Rules can be established by Ministerial Regulation regarding the categories of disasters to be included in the risk map, concerning the production, the management and the design of the risk map, concerning the way in which and the frequency with which the necessary details are to be furnished and concerning the way in which access can be obtained to parts of the risk map.

### **Section 46**

1. The management board of the security region shall ensure that Our Minister, the King's Commissioner and the Chief Public Prosecutor are provided with information on the disasters and the crises which may affect the region, and on the measures which have been taken to prevent and combat or control such.
2. The management board of the security region shall ensure that the population shall be provided with information on the disasters and the crises which may affect the region, on the measures taken to prevent and combat or control such and the procedure to be followed in this respect.
3. The management board of the security region shall ensure that the persons involved in the disaster management and the crisis management in the region are provided with information on the disasters and the crises which may affect the region, the risks their involvement may have for their health and the precautionary measures which have been or shall be taken in connection therewith.

4. The management board shall coordinate its information provision referred to in subsections 1, 2 and 3 with the information provision by or under the responsibility of Our Ministers involved with disasters and crises.
5. Further rules on the information provision referred to in subsections 2 and 3 shall be established by order in council.

#### **Section 47**

1. Our Minister shall ensure that all states which may be affected by a disaster or crisis on Dutch territory shall be informed in this respect insofar as this has not already happened pursuant to other regulations.
2. Our Minister shall ensure that all states which are threatened or hit by a disaster or crisis on Dutch territory shall be provided with the information on the origin, the scope and the consequences of said disaster or crisis, insofar as this is not done pursuant to other regulations.
3. Further rules on the information provision referred to in subsections 1 and 2 can be established by order in council.

#### **Section 48**

1. Any individual who possesses relevant security details shall provide the management board of the security region with the information which is necessary for an adequate preparation for disaster management and crisis management. This does not apply insofar as this information has been provided or can be obtained based on other regulations.
2. The management board of the security region may order that an establishment which belongs to a category designated pursuant to section 17 shall not be put into or kept in operation if the parties operating the establishment have not complied with the obligation to provide information referred to in subsection 1.
3. If details as referred to in subsection 1 or a part of such details require confidentiality in the interests of national security, the individual who possesses such details, upon instruction of Our relevant Minister, shall provide these details together with the details for which confidentiality is not required to Our relevant Minister.
4. If the individual who possesses details as referred to in subsection 1 is of the opinion that these details or a part thereof cannot be provided because their confidentiality is required in the interests of national security, he shall provide these details together with the details which in his opinion do not require confidentiality to Our relevant Minister.
5. Our relevant Minister shall provide the information based on the details referred to in subsections 3 and 4 to the management board of the security region after he has processed the details in consultation with Our Minister such that the details for which confidentiality is required do not appear therein or cannot be deduced therefrom.
6. Further rules on the information provision referred to in subsection 1 shall be established by or pursuant to order in council.

#### **Section 49**

1. The management board of the security region shall publish the details it has received pursuant to section 48.1 in order to adopt disaster management plans for the categories of establishments designated pursuant to section 17. Further rules thereon shall be established by or pursuant to order in council.
2. Section 10.2 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act (*Wet openbaarheid van bestuur*) shall not apply to the provision of information on the basis of the details referred to in subsection 1, on the understanding that information need not be provided insofar as the interest thereof does not

outweigh the following interests:

- a. respect for personal privacy;
  - b. the prevention of sabotage.
3. Section 10.2, opening words and point b. of the Government Information (Public Access) Act shall only apply to providing information upon request on the other details which have been received pursuant to section 48.1, and on the details which have been received pursuant to sections 50.1 and 50.2, with regard to the establishments covered by Council Directive 96/82/EC of 9 December 1996 on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Official Journal 10), insofar as these details are of a confidential nature.
  4. Section 10.2, opening words and point f., of the Government Information (Public Access) Act shall only apply to providing information on details as referred to in subsection 3 upon request.
  5. Section 10.2, opening words and point g. of the Government Information (Public Access) Act shall only apply to providing information on details as referred to in subsection 3 upon request insofar as such details may negatively affect the possibility to prevent sabotage.
  6. Section 10.7, opening words and point b. of the Government Information (Public Access) Act, insofar as environmental information as referred to in section 19.1a of the Environmental Management Act is concerned, shall only apply to the extent that such details may negatively affect the possibility to prevent sabotage.

## **Section 50**

1. In the event of a disaster, any individual who has knowledge thereof shall inform the mayor of the municipality where the disaster has occurred or is occurring thereof as soon as possible.
2. In the event of a disaster, any individual who possesses relevant security information shall provide the mayor of the municipality where the disaster has occurred or is occurring with the information necessary for the adequate performance of the mayor's tasks referred to in sections 7.1 and 7.2. This shall not apply insofar as this information has already been provided or can be obtained based on other regulations, or if the details have already been provided to Our relevant Minister pursuant to sections 48.3 and 48.4.
3. Further rules on the provision of information referred to in subsection 2 shall be set by or pursuant to order in council.

## **§ 11. Assistance**

### **Section 51**

1. If the chairman of a security region requires assistance in the event of a fire, disaster or crisis or of serious fear that such shall arise, he shall present a request to this effect to Our Minister. He shall inform the King's Commissioner of the request.
2. Our Minister shall satisfy the request unless urgent reasons dictate otherwise.
3. Our Minister shall present a request for assistance to the chairman of another security region, to the King's Commissioner or if necessary to Our relevant Minister or if military assistance is desired to Our Minister of Defence, who shall make the necessary provisions, unless urgent reasons dictate otherwise.
4. Our Minister may give the ambulance services instructions regarding the use of ambulances.
5. In derogation of subsection 1 the chairman of a security region may make a request as referred to in said subsection directly to the chairman of an adjacent region, provided the crisis plans of both regions encompass agreements in this respect and the matter is urgent. The chairman shall inform

Our Minister and the King's Commissioner of his request.

## **§ 12. Exceptional Circumstances**

### **Section 52**

1. Without prejudice to sections 7.1 and 8.1 of the Coordination of Exceptional Situations Act (*Coördinatiewet uitzonderingstoestanden*), sections 53 and 54 may be put into effect by Royal Decree on a proposal of Our Prime Minister in the event extraordinary circumstances necessitate such.
2. When the decision referred to in subsection 1 has been made, a bill shall immediately be sent to the Lower House regarding the continuation of the operation of the provisions that have been put into effect by such decision.
3. If the bill is rejected by the States General, the provisions which have been put into effect pursuant to subsection 1 shall be immediately abrogated by Royal Decree on a proposal of Our Prime Minister.
4. By Royal Decree, on the proposal of Our Prime Minister, provisions which have been put into effect pursuant to subsection 1 shall be abrogated as soon as the circumstances so permit in Our opinion.
5. The decision referred to in subsections 1, 3 and 4 shall be announced in the manner stipulated therein. It shall enter into force immediately after the announcement.
6. The decision referred to in subsections 1, 3 and 4 shall in any event be published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees.

### **Section 53**

1. The King's Commissioner may give the mayors in the province the necessary instructions with regard to the disaster management in a concrete case.
2. Our Minister may instruct the King's Commissioner to give the chairman of the security region in the province the necessary instructions with regard to the disaster management or crisis management in a concrete case.

### **Section 54**

If urgently required as a matter of public interest, Our Minister may take over powers of the King's Commissioner and of the mayor based on this Act in whole or in part or charge another authority therewith in whole or in part.

## **§ 13. Financial Provisions**

### **Section 55**

1. Our Minister shall contribute to the costs incurred by a security region ensuing from the performance of its tasks pursuant to section 10. The contribution can be made subject to conditions.
2. Our Minister may contribute to the costs incurred by a municipality ensuing from the actual response to a disaster and from the consequences of such response.
3. Our Minister may contribute to the costs incurred by a security region ensuing from the provision of assistance as referred to in section 51, subsection 3.
4. Our Minister may make a contribution to the municipalities, security regions, provinces, organisations and services involved in the disaster management for the costs ensuing from the

provision of assistance as referred to in section 3 of the Convention between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of Belgium on Mutual Assistance in Combating Disasters and Accidents signed at The Hague on 14 November 1984 (Bulletin of Treaties 1984, 155) and of the Agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on Mutual Assistance in the event of Disasters, including Serious Accidents signed in Bonn on 7 June 1988 (Bulletin of Treaties 1988, 95).

5. Rules on the implementation of subsections 1 to 5 shall be established by or pursuant to order in council.

## **Section 56**

1. The management board of the security region shall ensure that:
  - a. a cost assessment shall be carried out once every three years, and
  - b. a review committee shall carry out a review once every five years.
2. The cost assessment shall in any event include a comparison with the details relating to the costs of other security regions.
3. The management board of the security region shall send Our Minister the report of the review committee, together with the position of the management board of the security region thereon. The management board of the security region shall publish the report and its position.
4. Further rules for the mutual comparability of the assessments and reviews of the various security regions can be established by or pursuant to order in council.

## **§ 14. Supervision**

### **Section 57**

1. There shall be a Public Order and Safety Inspectorate, which, under the authority of Our Minister, shall be charged with:
  - a. reviewing the way in which bodies of security regions, municipalities or other public bodies perform their fire services, disaster management or crisis management tasks;
  - b. periodically reviewing, in agreement with the inspectorates working under the authority of Our Ministers of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, of Health, Welfare and Sport, of Transport, Public Works and Water Management and of Social Affairs and Employment, the preparations for the disaster management and crisis management by the administrative bodies referred to under a;
  - c. conducting investigations in connection with fires, disasters or crises, unless the Dutch Safety Board referred to in section 2 of the Safety Board Act (*Rijkswet Onderzoeksraad voor veiligheid*) is to conduct the investigations in question;
  - d. the work to be performed in the framework of section 53a.1 of the Police Act 1993;
  - e. supervising the quality of the training courses referred to in section 32.1 of the Police Selection and Training Act (*Wet op het LSOP en het politieonderwijs*).
2. The inspectorate, under the authority of Our Minister of Justice, shall be charged with the work to be performed in the framework of section 53a.4 of the Police Act 1993.
3. The inspectorate shall, under the authority of Our Minister and Our Minister of Justice, be jointly charged with the supervision of the quality of the training courses referred to in section 32.2 of the Police Selection and Training Act.
4. The head of the inspectorate shall be appointed by Our Minister after consultation with Our Minister of Justice. The other officials of the inspectorate shall be appointed by Our Minister.
5. Sections 5:12 through 5:20 of the General Administrative Law Act (*Algemene wet bestuursrecht*) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the officials of the inspectorate.



## **Section 58**

1. The work to be performed in the framework of section 57.1, points a. to c., shall be annually determined by Our Minister, after having heard the King's Commissioners.
2. The inspectorate shall report, when so asked or of its own volition, directly to Our Minister and, with regard to the tasks referred to in sections 57.2 and 57.3, also to Our Minister of Justice.
3. The inspectorate shall also send its reports to the King's Commissioners.
4. Our Minister shall present a multidisciplinary report to the States General on the findings of the inspectorate in the review referred to in section 57.1.b.
5. Without prejudice to subsection 4, Our Minister shall annually send the States General a report prepared by the inspectorate of the work performed in the framework of section 57.

## **Section 59**

1. The King's Commissioner may give the management board of a security region an instruction if the performance of tasks in the security region is insufficient.
2. The King's Commissioner shall not give an instruction until after he has heard the management board about the intended instruction.
3. The King's Commissioner shall perform the work referred to in subsections 1 and 2 in accordance with an official instruction given by the government.

## **Section 60**

The chairmen of the security regions shall provide the King's Commissioner with all the information he requires to perform the supervision.

## **Section 61**

1. Without prejudice to section 57.1, supervision of compliance with
  - a. the provisions laid down by or pursuant to sections 30 and 31, or
  - b. the provisions laid down by or pursuant to section 48 with regard to the establishments designated pursuant to section 17,shall be performed by the officials designated by decision of the management board of the security region. Notice of this decision shall be given by publication in the Netherlands Government Gazette.
2. Rules on the supervision referred to in subsection 1.b. shall be established by or pursuant to order in council.
3. The officials designated by decision of the municipal executive shall be charged with supervision of compliance with the by-law referred to in section 3.2 and the rules referred to in section 3.3.

## **§ 15. Access**

### **Section 62**

1. The mayor or the chairman of the security region, the King's Commissioner, the fire service commander and the local acting fire service personnel designated by him, the Regional Medical Assistance Organisation (GHOR) director and the local acting GHOR personnel designated by him and the officials designated by Our Minister as referred to in sections 57.2 and 57.3 shall have the authority to access any location insofar as such is reasonably necessary for the performance of their task. If necessary, they shall gain access by use of force. When gaining access they may be

accompanied by persons they have designated.

2. The mayor or the chairman of the security region, the fire service commander and the local acting fire service personnel designated by him, and the officials designated by Our Minister referred to in sections 57.2 and 57.3 shall have the authority to bring any equipment and materials necessary to the locations referred to in subsection 1 and to use them in such way as they deem necessary for the proper execution of their task.

## **§ 16. Sanctions**

### **Section 63**

The management board of the security region shall have the authority to impose an order on penalty of administrative coercion to enforce the provisions laid down by or pursuant to section 31 and the provisions laid down by or pursuant to section 48 with regard to the establishments designated pursuant to section 17, which authority shall also include the full or partial closing down or sealing of the establishment or the sealing or removal of that which is located in the establishment.

### **Section 64**

1. Any person who contravenes a rule laid down pursuant to section 3.2 2 and 3.3 shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or by imposition of a fine of the third category.
2. The council of a municipality can stipulate by by-law that an administrative fine can be imposed for contravention of a rule established pursuant to section 3.2 and 3.3. The fine shall not be higher than the amount set out in section 34.4 under 1° of the Working Conditions Act (*Arbeidsomstandighedenwet*).
3. Any person who contravenes a provision laid down by or pursuant to section 30 shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or by imposition of a fine of the third category.
4. Any person who contravenes a provision laid down by or pursuant to sections 31.2, 31.5 and 31.6 shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or by imposition of a fine of the third category.
5. In the event of contravention of section 31.2 full or partial closing down of the establishment for a period not exceeding one year may be imposed as an additional sanction.
6. Actions in contravention of sections 48.1 and 50.2 shall be deemed punishable offences if such actions have been designated punishable offences in the order in council referred to in section 48.6 or section 50.3.
7. Acts or omissions made punishable in accordance with subsections 1 and 4 shall be deemed summary offences.

### **Section 65**

1. The officials designated by decision of Our Minister shall be charged with the investigation into the events made punishable in section 64, without prejudice to section 141 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (*Wetboek van Strafvordering*).
2. Without prejudice to the requirements laid down by the order in council referred to in section 142.4 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, only those persons who satisfy the rules regarding competence set by Our Minister can be appointed as investigating officers.
3. The investigating officers shall have the authority to seize eligible objects. They can demand that said objects be handed over.

## § 17. Netherlands Institute for Safety

### Section 66

1. There shall be a Netherlands Institute for Safety. The institute shall have legal personality.
2. The institute shall have the following tasks in the area of fire services, disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance:
  - a. developing course material, drill material and study material and providing officer training and other training courses designated by Our Minister which are concluded with a national examination as referred to in section 18.4, and developing course material, drill material and study material for such courses;
  - b. developing and maintaining expertise by means of gathering and managing relevant knowledge and if necessary by conducting applied scientific research;
  - c. making the gathered information and expertise available to organisations working in the area of fire services, disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance;
  - d. procuring and managing materials, equipment and telecommunication facilities and if necessary making them available to the security regions and the municipalities with a municipal fire service.
3. The institute may carry out work in the area of fire services, disaster management, crisis management and medical assistance other than the work ensuing from the tasks set out in subsection 2, insofar as this concerns:
  - a. developing course material, drill material and study material for courses other than those referred to in subsection 2.a., and providing such courses;
  - b. recruiting and selecting candidates for training courses as referred to in point a. of this subsection and in subsection 2.a. above;
  - c. organising drills;
  - d. performing other activities which are beneficial to the expertise of people in the areas referred to in the opening sentence of this paragraph or the functioning of the organisations for which they work;
  - e. conducting research for and advising third parties in order to make a direct or indirect contribution to physical safety.
4. A fee of at least the full costs shall be charged for the work referred to in subsection 3 and the work may not lead to unfair competition with regard to private providers of comparable services.
5. The income of the institute shall be comprised of:
  - a. the costs which the institute charges third parties in the execution of the tasks referred to in subsection 2 and in section 66a and the work referred to in subsection 3,
  - b. the contributions referred to in section 70, subsection 1, and
  - c. other revenue.
6. The institute shall not draw any monies which are repayable funds daily or in due course. In derogation of the first sentence, the institute shall be permitted to bridge temporary cash deficits by drawing on temporary overdraft facilities with a bank as referred to in section 1:1 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
7. The institute shall keep such accounts that:
  - a. the costs and benefits of the tasks referred to in subsection 2 and in section 66a and of the work referred to subsection 3 are registered separately;
  - b. all costs and benefits are correctly allocated on the basis of consistently applied and objectively justified cost accounting principles;
  - c. the cost accounting principles underlying the accounts are clearly laid down.
8. The institute shall keep such accounts that information can be provided on the full costs and on the

benefits of the work referred to in subsection 3.

### **Section 66a**

In addition to the tasks referred to in section 66.2, the institute shall be tasked with procuring and managing special material and special equipment for the execution of the police task, and, if necessary, making this available to the police.

### **Section 67**

1. The institute shall have a board of directors comprised of seven members, including the chairman.
2. The chairman and the other members of the board of directors shall be appointed, suspended and dismissed by Royal Decree.
3. Subject to interim dismissal, members of the board shall hold office for four years. They shall be reappointed no more than once.

### **Section 68**

1. The board shall be in charge of the general management of the institute.
2. The board shall appoint a Managing Director who shall be charged with the daily management of the institute.
3. The board shall establish regulations on the arrangement and working method of the institute and additional rules on the tasks and powers of the Managing Director.
4. The board shall annually draw up a budget for income and expenditure for the following calendar year, a long-term estimate of income and expenditure for the following four calendar years and accounts of the receipts and expenses of the preceding calendar year. These shall require Our Minister's approval.
5. Upon request the board shall provide Our Minister with the information necessary for the execution of its task. Our Minister may demand to inspect business details and documents, insofar as such is reasonably necessary for the performance of his task.
6. The board shall annually, before 1 April, prepare a report of the work, the policy in general and the effectiveness and the efficiency of its working method in particular in the past calendar year. The report shall be sent to Our Minister and shall be made generally available.

### **Section 69**

1. The personnel of the institute are public servants as referred to in the Central and Local Government Personnel Act (*Ambtenarenwet*).
2. The rules which have been drawn up pursuant to section 125.1 of the Central and Local Government Personnel Act for those public servants who have been appointed to a ministry other than the Ministry of Defence shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to public servants in the employ of the institute.
3. Further rules governing the personnel of the institute and, insofar as this is necessary in connection with their special position, governing the public servants who have been appointed to the institute for the term of a training course as referred to in section 18.4 can be drawn up by or pursuant to order in council.
4. The rules referred to in sections 18.2 and 18.3 shall apply to the public servants referred to in subsection 3 and to the personnel of the institute, other than personnel of the fire service who have been appointed to a position as referred to in section 18.2.

## **Section 70**

1. Our Minister shall furnish the institute with annual contributions from the Treasury with regard to the cost of performing the tasks referred to in sections 66.2 and 66a. Our Minister may award the institute a temporary contribution for a special goal.
2. Our Minister may draw up policy rules governing the performance of the tasks allocated to the institute.

## **Section 71**

1. By order in council, further rules shall be drawn up governing:
  - a. the tasks and powers of the board,
  - b. public access to the meetings of the board, and
  - c. the conditions under which and the way in which the contributions referred to in section 70, subsection 1 are furnished.
2. Further rules governing auditing the lawfulness of the financial management and the accounts presented in this respect and the effectiveness of the management, the organisation and the policy implemented by the board shall be drawn up by or pursuant to order in council.

## **§ 18. Netherlands Fire Service Examinations Board**

### **Section 72**

1. There shall be a Netherlands Fire Service Examinations Board with legal personality.
2. The tasks of the Examinations Board shall be:
  - a. to see to the development, implementation, organisation and administration of a national examination as referred to in section 18.4;
  - b. to issue exemptions and certificates;
  - c. to determine the results of examinations and advise Our Minister on issuing diplomas.

### **Section 73**

1. The Examinations Board may carry out other activities than those ensuing from section 72.2 insofar as this concerns:
  - a. taking care of the development, implementation, organisation and administration of examinations on the topics of fire services and disaster management other than the tasks referred to in section 72.2.a., and the issuing of exemptions, certificates and diplomas;
  - b. developing, maintaining and making available expertise with regard to the examinations for training courses on the topics of fire services and disaster management.
2. The activities referred to in subsection 1 may not lead to unfair competition with regard to private providers of comparable services and shall be carried out at cost-covering rates.

### **Section 74**

1. The Examinations Board shall have a board comprised of seven members, including the chairman.
2. Our Minister shall appoint, suspend and dismiss the members of the board. Our Minister may appoint a representative who shall participate in the deliberations of the board.
3. The board shall establish regulations on the implementation, the organisation and the administration of government examinations as referred to in section 18.4.
4. If so requested the board shall provide Our Minister with the information necessary for the

performance of his task. Our Minister may demand access to relevant data and documents insofar as such is reasonably necessary for the performance of his task.

5. Our Minister may establish policy rules on the performance of the tasks allocated to the Examinations Board.
6. The personnel of the Examinations Board shall be public servants as referred to in the Central and Local Government Personnel Act, ~~barring the accounts presented in this respect and the effectiveness of the management, the organisation~~<sup>1</sup> those individuals with whom an employment contract has been entered into under civil law. The board shall establish regulations on the topics referred to in section 125.1 of the Central and Local Government Personnel Act. If the board, despite an invitation to this effect, fails to establish such regulations, Our Minister shall establish them.

## **Section 75**

1. The income of the Examinations Board shall be comprised of the costs charged to third parties in the performance of the tasks referred to in section 72.2 and the work referred to in section 73.1 and other revenue.
2. The budget for income and expenditure for the subsequent calendar year, the long-term estimate of income and expenditure and the annual report of the preceding calendar year shall require the approval of Our Minister.
3. Further rules governing the arrangement, working method and task of the Examinations Board, the composition of the board and public access to the meetings thereof and the auditing of the financial management shall be drawn up by or pursuant to order in council.
4. The Examinations Board shall prepare annual reports of the work, the policy in general and the effectiveness and efficiency of its working method in particular in the past calendar year. The reports shall be sent to Our Minister and shall be made generally available.

## **§ 19. Introductory and Transition Provisions**

### **Section 76**

With regard to the obligations laid down in this Act:

- a. the joint regulation referred to in section 9 shall be drawn up at the latest three months after this Act has entered into force;
- b. the policy plan referred to in section 14 shall be established for the first time at the latest nine months after this Act has entered into force;
- c. the risk profile referred to in section 15 shall be established for the first time at the latest six months after this Act has entered into force;
- d. the crisis plan referred to in section 16 shall be established for the first time at the latest twelve months after this Act has entered into force.

### **Section 77**

The Fire Services Act 1985 (*Brandweerwet 1985*), the Act of 1 November 2007 amending the Fire Services Act 1985 in connection with ensuring the quality of fire service personnel and expanding the statutory tasks of the Netherlands Institute for Safety (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 481), the Disasters and Major Accidents Act (*Wet rampen en zware ongevallen*) and the Act on Medical assistance in the event of Disasters and Major Accidents (*Wet geneeskundige hulpverlening bij ongevallen en rampen*) shall be repealed.

### **Section 78**

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<sup>1</sup> The original Dutch text contains an error. This part of the sentence has been removed following a comment from the lawyers.

1. Sections 1, 4 and 11 of the Fire Services Act 1985 and sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Act on Medical assistance in the event of Disasters and Major Accidents, as these read on the day before this Act enters into force, shall remain applicable in a region after the entry into force of this Act until the joint regulations referred to in section 9 have been effected.
2. The organisation plan referred to in section 4a of the Fire Services Act 1985 and the management plan referred to in section 5 of the Disasters and Major Accidents Act, and the municipal disaster plans referred to in section 3 of the Disasters and Major Accidents Act shall remain in force within a region until the management board of the security region has established a policy plan or a crisis plan.
3. The organisation plan referred to in section 6 of the Act on Medical assistance in the event of Disasters and Major Accidents shall remain in force within a region until the agreements referred to in section 35, subsection 2 have been made.
4. Instructions as referred to in section 13.1 of the Fire Services Act 1985, disaster management plans as referred to in section 4a of the Disasters and Major Accidents Act and orders as referred to in section 10a.2 of the Disasters and Major Accidents Act shall remain in effect within a region until the management board of the security region decides to revoke such.
5. Those persons who have not yet completed a course as referred to in section 15 of the Fire Services Act 1985, as it read on the day before the entry into force of this Act, with an examination, may sit exams on the basis of the examination regulations as these read on the above-mentioned day up to three years after the entry into force of this Act.
6. Until the joint regulations referred to in section 9 have been effected in a region, the mayor who is also the manager of the regional police force shall function as chairman of the security region for the purposes of sections 39, 40, 42, 43 and 51.

## **Section 79**

Our Minister can decide that the management board of a security region shall make provision for the incident room function in a different manner than stipulated in section 35 for a period to be stipulated by Our Minister. Conditions may be attached to this decision.

## **Section 80**

The proposal for an order in council to be established pursuant to sections 8, 17.1 and 17.2, 18, 31.4, 33.4, 55.6, or 56.4 shall not be made earlier than four weeks after the draft has been presented to both Houses of the States General.

## **§ 20. Final provisions**

### **Section 81**

This Act shall enter into force on a date stipulated by Royal Decree.

### **Section 82**

This Act may be cited as: the Security Regions Act.

We order and command that this Act be entered in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees and that all ministerial departments, authorities, bodies and officials whom it may concern shall diligently implement it.

Done in

The Hague, on 11 February 2010

The Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations,  
G. ter Horst

Beatrix

Issued on the first day of April 2010

The Minister of Justice,  
E. M. H. Hirsch Ballin

## **Annex to section 8**

- The names of all regions are underlined
- A region encompasses the territories of the municipalities set out under the region name

### **Groningen**

Appingedam, Bedum, Bellingwedde, Ten Boer, Delfzijl, Eemsmond, Groningen, Grootegast, Haren, Hoogezand-Sappemeer, Leek, Loppersum, De Marne, Marum, Menterwolde, Oldambt, Pekela, Slochteren, Stadskanaal, Veendam, Vlagtwedde, Winsum, Zuidhorn.

### **Fryslân**

Achtkarspelen, Ameland, Boarnsterhim, Bolsward, Dantumadeel, Dongeradeel, Ferwerderadiel, Franekeradeel, Gaasterlân-Sleat, Harlingen, Heerenveen, Het Bildt, Kollumerland en Nieuwkruisland, Leeuwarden, Leeuwarderadeel, Lemsterland, Littenseradiel, Menaldumadeel, Nijefurd, Ooststellingwerf, Opsterland, Schiermonnikoog, Skarsterlân, Smallingerland, Sneek, Terschelling, Tytsjerksteradiel, Vlieland, Weststellingwerf, Wûnseradiel, Wymbritseradiel.

### **Drenthe**

Aa en Hunze, Assen, Borger-Odoorn, Coevorden, Emmen, Hoogeveen, Meppel, Midden-Drenthe, Noordenveld, Tynaarlo, Westerveld, De Wolden.

### **IJsselland**

Dalfsen, Deventer, Hardenberg, Kampen, Olst-Wijhe, Ommen, Raalte, Staphorst, Steenwijkerland, Zwartewaterland, Zwolle.

### **Twente**

Almelo, Borne, Dinkelland, Enschede, Haaksbergen, Hellendoorn, Hengelo, Hof van Twente, Losser, Oldenzaal, Rijssen-Holten, Tubbergen, Twenterand, Wierden.

### **Noord- en Oost-Gelderland**

Aalten, Apeldoorn, Berkelland, Bronckhorst, Brummen, Doetinchem, Elburg, Epe, Ermelo, Heerde, Harderwijk, Hattem, Lochem, Montferland, Nunspeet, Oldebroek, Oost Gelre, Oude IJsselstreek, Putten, Voorst, Winterswijk, Zutphen.

### **Gelderland-Midden**

Arnhem, Barneveld, Doesburg, Duiven, Ede, Lingewaard, Nijkerk, Overbetuwe, Renkum, Rheden, Rijnwaarden, Rozendaal, Scherpenzeel, Wageningen, Westervoort, Zevenaar.

### **Gelderland-Zuid**

Beuningen, Buren, Culemborg, Druten, Geldermalsen, Groesbeek, Heumen, Lingewaal, Maasdriel, Millingen aan de Rijn, Neder-Betuwe, Neerijnen, Nijmegen, Tiel, Ubbergen, West Maas en Waal, Wijchen, Zaltbommel.

### **Utrecht**



Abcoude, Amersfoort, Baarn, De Bilt, Breukelen, Bunnik, Bunschoten, Eemnes, Houten, IJsselstein, Leusden, Loenen, Lopik, Maarssen, Montfoort, Nieuwegein, Oudewater, Renswoude, Rhenen, De Ronde Venen, Soest, Utrecht, Utrechtse Heuvelrug, Veenendaal, Vianen, Wijk bij Duurstede, Woerden, Woudenberg, Zeist.

### **Flevoland**

Almere, Dronten, Lelystad, Noordoostpolder, Urk, Zeewolde.

### **Noord-Holland-Noord**

Alkmaar, Andijk, Anna Paulowna, Bergen, Castricum, Den Helder, Drechterland, Enkhuizen, Graft-De Rijk, Harenkarspel, Heerhugowaard, Heiloo, Hoorn, Koggenland, Langedijk, Medemblik, Niedorp, Opmeer, Schagen, Schermer, Stede Broec, Texel, Wervershoof, Wieringen, Wieringermeer, Zijpe.

### **Zaanstreek-Waterland**

Beemster, Edam-Volendam, Landsmeer, Oostzaan, Purmerend, Waterland, Wormerland, Zaanstad, Zeevang.

### **Kennemerland**

Beverwijk, Bloemendaal, Haarlem, Haarlemmerliede en Spaarnwoude, Haarlemmermeer, Heemskerk, Heemstede, Uitgeest, Velsen, Zandvoort.

### **Amsterdam-Amstelland**

Aalsmeer, Amstelveen, Amsterdam, Diemen, Ouder-Amstel, Uithoorn.

### **Gooi en Vechtstreek**

Blaricum, Bussum, Hilversum, Huizen, Laren, Muiden, Naarden, Weesp, Wijdmeren.

### **Haaglanden**

Delft, 's-Gravenhage, Leidschendam-Voorburg, Pijnacker-Nootdorp, Rijswijk, Midden-Delfland, Wassenaar, Westland, Zoetermeer.

### **Hollands Midden**

Alphen aan den Rijn, Bergambacht, Bodegraven, Boskoop, Gouda, Hillegom, Kaag en Braassem, Katwijk, Leiden, Leiderdorp, Lisse, Nederlek, Nieuwkoop, Noordwijk, Noordwijkerhout, Oegstgeest, Ouderkerk, Reeuwijk, Rijnwoude, Schoonhoven, Teylingen, Vlist, Voorschoten, Waddinxveen, Zoeterwoude, Zuidplas.

### **Rotterdam-Rijnmond**

Albrandswaard, Barendrecht, Bernisse, Brielle, Capelle aan den IJssel, Dirksland, Goedereede, Hellevoetsluis, Krimpen aan den IJssel, Lansingerland, Maassluis, Middelharnis, Oostflakkee, Ridderkerk, Rotterdam, Schiedam, Spijkenisse, Vlaardingen, Westvoorne.

### **Zuid-Holland-Zuid**

Alblasserdam, Binnenmaas, Cromstrijen, Dordrecht, Giessenlanden, Gorinchem, Graafstroom, Hardinxveld-Giessendam, Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht, Korendijk, Leerdam, Liesveld, Nieuw-Lekkerland, Oud-Beijerland, Papendrecht, Sliedrecht, Strijen, Zederik, Zwijndrecht.

### **Zeeland**

Borsele, Goes, Hulst, Kapelle, Middelburg, Noord-Beveland, Reimerswaal, Schouwen-Duiveland, Sluis, Terneuzen, Tholen, Veere, Vlissingen.

### **Midden- en West-Brabant**

Aalburg, Alphen-Chaam, Baarle-Nassau, Bergen op Zoom, Breda, Dongen, Drimmelen, Etten-Leur, Geertruidenberg, Gilze en Rijen, Goirle, Halderberge, Hilvarenbeek, Loon op Zand, Moerdijk, Oisterwijk, Oosterhout, Roosendaal, Rucphen, Steenbergen, Tilburg, Waalwijk, Werkendam, Woensdrecht, Woudrichem, Zundert.

### **Brabant-Noord**

Bernheze, Boekel, Boxmeer, Boxtel, Cuijk, Grave, Haaren, 's-Hertogenbosch, Heusden, Landerd, Lith, Maasdonk, Mill en Sint Hubert, Oss, Schijndel, Sint Anthonis, Sint-Michielsgestel, Sint-Oedenrode, Uden, Veghel, Vught.

### **Brabant-Zuidoost**

Asten, Bergeijk, Best, Bladel, Cranendonck, Deurne, Eersel, Eindhoven, Geldrop-Mierlo, Gemert-Bakel, Heeze-Leende, Helmond, Laarbeek, Nuenen, Gerwen en Nederwetten, Oirschot, Reusel-De Mierden, Someren, Son en Breugel, Valkenswaard, Veldhoven, Waalre.

### **Limburg-Noord**

Beesel, Bergen, Echt-Susteren, Gennep, Horst aan de Maas, Leudal, Maasgouw, Mook en Middelaar, Nederweert, Peel en Maas, Roerdalen, Roermond, Venlo, Venray, Weert.

### **Limburg-Zuid**

Beek, Brunssum, Eijsden, Gulpen-Wittem, Heerlen, Kerkrade, Landgraaf, Maastricht, Margraten, Meerssen, Nuth, Onderbanken, Schinnen, Simpelveld, Sittard-Geleen, Stein, Vaals, Valkenburg aan de Geul, Voerendaal.