



FORMAL OPINION

on the notification of the Regional Aid Map for Romania, for the period 2014-2020

By analyzing

The Draft of Government Decision on the maximum intensity of the regional State aid for the period 2014-2020 for initial investments,

Annex I – General notification form,

Annex III – Form for submitting information on regional aid maps,

and

The official letter that confirmed the commitments assumed by the Romanian authorities, in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014 - 2020

Submitted by the Ministry of Public Finance, by the addresses no. 550440/18.02.2014 and no.60275/18.02.2014, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG 1546/19.02.2014, namely no. RG/1547/19.02.2014, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. The Regional Aid Map applicable for the period 2007-2013 in Romania was authorized by the European Commission by the Decision no. C(2007)112 final/24.01.2007 and adopted within the national legislation by the Government Decision no.946/2006 on the maximum intensity for the regional State aid for initial investments, valid until December the 31st, 2013;

2. On 25.09.2013 Romania has notified the extension of the regional State aid Map for 2007-2013 until June the 30th, 2014, the extension being approved by the European Commission by the Decision no. C(2013) 7177 final /25.10.2013 and adopted within the national legislation by the Government Decision no. 989/11.12.2013 on the amendment of art. 5 recital (2) of the GD 946/2006 on the maximum intensity for regional State aid for initial investments;

3. The Draft of Government Decision has as objective the set-up of the maximum intensity allowed for regional State aid for initial investment that may be granted during June the first 2014 and December the 31st, 2020 in Romania for large undertakings, respectively for small and medium size enterprises, in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014 - 2020;

4. The Notification is filled out in accordance with the standard form enclosed in Annex I to the *Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 659/1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 93 of the EC Treaty*, with the subsequent amendments and completions;

5. The specific information are filled out in accordance with the standard form enclosed in Annex III to the *Guidelines on regional State aid for 2014 - 2020*.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on the provisions of the Law on competition no.21/1996, republished and of art. 8 recital (1) of the *Government Emergency Ordinance no. 117/2006 on the national procedures in the State aid field, approved with amendments and completions by the Law no. 137/2007*,

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