



FORMAL OPINION

On the Draft Order for the amendment and completion of the Annexes to the Order of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration nr. 2980/2013 regarding the conditions for granting the support measures for investments made in industrial parks

By analyzing

The draft *Order for the amendment and completion of the Annexes to the Order of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration nr.2980 / 2013 regarding the conditions for granting the support measures for investments made in industrial parks* (hereby named the Draft)

and

The draft of synthetic Information sheet on the State aid granted in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty¹*, approved on 21.05.2014,

submitted by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, by the address no. 21861/10.07.2014, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG 8130/15.07.2014, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. By the Order of the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regional Development and Public Administration nr.2980 / 2013 was set-up a regional State aid scheme to support the investments made in industrial parks. The scheme was elaborated based on the EC Regulation no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty and meets the intensities provisioned for in the Regional Aid Map approved by the European Commission for Romania for the period 2007 - 2013;
2. The scheme provisioned for by the Order no. 2980/2013 received a favorable formal opinion from the Competition Council on 09.09.2013, provided that it shall apply until June the 30th, 2014;
3. The EC Regulation no. 800/2008 was replaced, as of June the 1st 2014 by the Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
4. By the Draft, it is amended and completed the regional State aid scheme to support investments made in industrial parks, approved by the Order no. 2980/2013, in order to meet

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the provisions of the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty* and that of the Regional Aid Map approved by the European Commission for Romania for 2014 - 2020², in force starting with June the 1st, 2014.

5. The objective of the scheme is to support the undertakings to make investments within the industrial parks.

6. The scheme is valid until December the 31st, 2020.

7. The provision of the Draft meet the conditions on eligible costs and maintaining the investments, as stipulated by the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty*.

8. The Information sheet fulfils the form and content of the standard form enclosed in Annex II to the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty*.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on 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*,

ISSUES FORMAL OPINION

On the set-up of the *Regional State aid scheme to support the initial investments made in industrial parks* and on the related synthetic Information sheet submitted by Romania in accordance with the provisions of the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 651/17.06.2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty*.

² Approved by the EC Decision on the State aid no. SA 38364 (2014/N) – Romania.