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FORMAL OPINION

On the Information on the Government Decision for modifying and completing the Government Decision no. 1680/2008 for setting up a State aid scheme on ensuring a sustainable economic development

By analysing the Draft of *Government Decision for modifying and completing the Government Decision no. 1680/2008 for setting up a State aid scheme on ensuring a sustainable economic development* and the *Information sheet* synthesised in accordance with the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation)*, submitted by the Ministry of Public Finance by the address no. 482.870/01.03.2010, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG 1289/05.03.2010, in order to receive a formal opinion, and ascertaining that:

1. The draft of *Government Decision* modifies the implementing form of the State aid for regional development exempted from the notification obligation, brought into force through the *Government Decision no. 1680/2008 for setting up a State aid scheme on ensuring a sustainable economic development*, namely modifies the maximum admissible intensities for the State aid that can be granted, in accordance with the amount of the investment and its locating within Romania's development areas, and sets up a bonus for those projects having an impact on the local community;
2. The State aid scheme is elaborated in accordance with the provisions enclosed in the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation)*, hereby named the Regulation, and of the *Regional aid Map approved by the European Commission for Romania, for 2007 – 2013* and, therefore, it is exempted from the obligation to be notified to the European Commission.
3. The information sheet meets the form and substance of the standard form enclosed in the Annex III to the *Commission Regulation (EC) no. 800/2008 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation)*.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

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

ISSUES FORMAL OPINION

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