



FORMAL OPINION

On the Information on the State aid for large investment projects granted to SC ROMCAB SA within the State aid scheme on ensuring a sustainable economic development, implemented by the GD no. 1680/2008

By analyzing:

the provisions of the *Government Decision no. 1680/2008¹ for setting up a State aid scheme on ensuring a sustainable economic development*

and

the synthetically *Information sheet* completed 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 Treaty²*, hereby named the Regulation,

submitted by the Ministry of Public Finance by the address no. 4718991/10.05.2012, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG 6523/14.05.2012, and

ascertaining that:

1. the Government Decision no. 1680/2008 implements a State aid scheme exempted from the obligation to be notified and was submitted to and registered at the European Commission under the number no X 24/2009 amended by X 705/2009, X 325/2010 and SA 33030 (11/X);
2. The Ministry of Public Finance has signed on 08.02.2012 a financing agreement with SC ROMCAB SA, granting it a regional State aid based on the scheme implemented through the GD no.1680/2008.
3. The State aid is addressed to a large investment project aiming the extension and diversification of SC ROMCAB SA's activity.
4. The project consists in the extension and diversification of the company's activities by building up a new production unit and the acquisition of equipment and technological installations in order to produce conductors cable lay-ups for energy, telecommunications, constructions, appliances, auto.

¹ With the subsequent amendments and completions.

² Published in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 214/09.08.2008.

5. The amount of the State aid granted to SC ROMCAB SA is under the notification threshold, but, taking into account that it aims the achievement of a large investment project for which, in accordance with the provisions of art. 9 recital 4 in the Regulation, it is necessary to submit an information sheet to the European Commission.
6. 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*.

COMPETITION COUNCIL

Based on the *Competition Law no. 21/1996, republished, with the subsequent amendments and completions* 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

On the Draft of synthetically information sheet on the regional State aid for the achievement of a large investment project granted to SC ROMCAB SA and submitted by Romania in accordance with the provisions of 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*.