



## **Formal opinion**

### **on the extension of the State aid scheme**

### **"Boosting regional development by making investments for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products"**

By analyzing the following:

The Draft of Order for the extension of the period referred to in art. 23 of the Annex to the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 12/2010 regarding the approval of the State aid scheme "Boosting regional development by making investments for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products "

and

Annex no. II – the simplified notification Form

submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development by the address no. 66820/11.11.2013, registered at the Competition Council with no. RG/13271/11.11.2013, in order to receive a formal opinion,

and

ascertaining that:

1. On 22.10.2009, România has notified to the European Commission a regional State aid scheme for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products (State aid N 578/2009 - România).

The European Commission has authorized the State aid through the Decision no. C(2009) 10680 / 22.12.2009.

2. Through this measure, the Romanian authorities intend to promote regional development by supporting the investments aiming activities related to the processing of the agricultural products falling under the scope of annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Community, in order to obtain products which do not fall under the incidence of annex I to the TFEU.

3. The budget of the scheme is of 200 million Eur. The estimated maximum number of beneficiaries is of 550 undertakings.

4. The State aid scheme no. N 578/2009 „Boosting regional development by making investments for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products” is to be applied until 31 December 2013.

5. The Draft of Order of the minister of agriculture and rural development submitted to the Competition Council does not bring any amendments to the State aid granting conditions and does not modify the budget of the scheme, the sole amendments aiming the prolongation of the scheme until 31 June 2014.

6. The notification is completed in accordance with the standard forms enclosed in Annex II to the *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 modifications and completions.

### **CONSILIUL CONCURENȚEI 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 amendments and completions by the Law no. 137/2007*,

### **ISSUES FORMAL OPINION**

On the simplified notification on the extension of the State aid scheme “*Boosting regional development by making investments for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products*”, provisioned for by the Draft of Order for the extension of the period referred to in art. 23 of the Annex to the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development no. 12/2010 regarding the approval of the State aid scheme "Boosting regional development by making investments for the processing of agricultural and forestry products in order to obtain non-agricultural products "