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## I. INTRODUCTION

Romania has entered a state of alert as of May 18, 2020, in order to contain the spread of and fight against the effects of the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, known as SARS-CoV-2. The state of alert has been maintained until present.

This document contains high level summaries of some of the main provisions of certain legal enactments and measures taken by Romania in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, which may be of interest for the business environment.

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## II. MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS

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| <b>1. Movement of persons</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>              | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>               | Natural persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>                   | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                | <p>Inside localities, the circulation or the forming of groups of more than 6 people that do not pertain to the same family is forbidden.</p> <p>Irrespective of the number of cases, the movement of persons outside their homes between 22.00 and 5.00 is forbidden, except for a limited number of reasons. These include, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) professional trips, including to the persons' places of work and back home;</li> <li>(ii) trips for medical assistance that cannot be postponed or rendered from a distance, as well as for trips required for the purchasing of meds;</li> <li>(iii) trips outside the localities where the persons are in transit or are making a trip in the same time interval as the interdiction, such as trips by plane, train, coach, that can be proven by means of a ticket or by other methods of payment for the trip;</li> <li>(iv) trips for other justified reasons such as taking care of/accompanying the children, assisting the older persons, sick or with disabilities, the death of a family member.</li> </ul> <p>In the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 4 cases and lower or equal to 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, the movement of persons outside their homes between 20.00 and 5.00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is forbidden. The exceptions mentioned at points (i) - (iv) above are applicable.</p> |

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|                                                   | <p>In the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, the movement of persons outside their homes between 20.00 and 5.00 is forbidden. The exceptions mentioned at points (i) - (iv) above are applicable.</p> <p>Between May 1 - May 2, 2021, in all localities the movement of persons outside their homes between 22.00 and 5.00 is allowed for the Easter religious services;</p> <p>Between May 8 - May 9, 2021, in all localities the movement of persons outside their homes between 22.00 and 5.00 is allowed for the Ramazan religious holiday.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                   | For the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                      | Persons need to hold signed declarations regarding the scope of the trip and related aspects. In cases of trips to work additional documents are required (please see section VIII).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>2. Entry restrictions for foreign citizens</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                  | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                   | Foreign citizens and stateless persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                       | Restriction measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>                                    | <p>All foreign citizens and stateless persons are forbidden to enter Romanian territory, with certain exceptions, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• family members of Romanian citizens;</li> <li>• family members of EU citizens or of EEA citizens or of Swiss citizens that reside in Romania;</li> <li>• persons who have a long stay visa, a residence permit or equivalent issued by Romanian authorities or an equivalent document issued by the authorities of other States based on EU law;</li> </ul>                                                                                          |

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persons travelling for professional purposes proven by visa, residence permit or an equivalent document, namely health professionals, researchers in the healthcare sector, health professionals for geriatric care, transporters and other categories of personnel involved in the transport of goods;</li> <li>• diplomats and staff of international organisations, alongside the members of their families that are accompanying the former in permanent missions in Romania, military staff or humanitarian staff;</li> <li>• transit passengers, including the ones repatriated that were granted the consular protection;</li> <li>• passengers travelling for imperative reasons;</li> <li>• persons requiring international protection or other humanitarian reasons;</li> <li>• foreign citizens and stateless persons travelling for studies;</li> <li>• foreign citizens and stateless persons, highly qualified workers, if their employment is necessary for economic reasons, and the work cannot be delayed or performed abroad;</li> <li>• foreign citizens and stateless persons, cross-border workers, seasonal workers, sea and river navigating personnel;</li> <li>• members of the international sport organisations that take part in competition organized on the Romanian territory, in accordance with the law;</li> <li>• members of the crew filming cinematographic and audio-visual works, technical and artistic staff taking part in cultural events organized on the Romanian territory, based on proven contractual basis or other supporting documents.</li> </ul> <p>Unless otherwise stated at national level, the interdiction to enter Romanian territory is not applicable to foreign citizens and stateless persons originating from or residing in third countries for which, at European level, it was lifted the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the European Union.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| 3. Quarantine and isolation measures upon entering Romania |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Enactment</b>                                           | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 497/2020 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 622/2020 amending and supplementing the Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 816/2020 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 847/2020 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1069/2020 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1080/2020 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 414/2020 on the establishment of the quarantine</p> |

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|                 | <p>measure for the persons in the emergency situation of international public health determined by the COVID-19 infection and the establishment of measures to prevent and limit the effects of the epidemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>National Committee for Emergency Situations Decision no. 9/2021 for the approval of the list of countries/areas/territories with a high epidemiological risk for which the quarantine measure is set if a person arrives in Romania from the same, for establishing the rules for the application of the quarantine measure on persons arriving from countries/ areas/territories of high epidemiological risk and repealing certain provisions of the Committee decisions</p> <p>National Committee for Emergency Situations Decision for the approval of the list of countries/areas/territories with a high epidemiological risk for which the quarantine measure is set if a person arrives in Romania from the same, for establishing the rules for the application of the quarantine measure on persons arriving from countries/ areas/territories of high epidemiological risk and repealing certain provisions of the Committee decisions</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b> | <p>Persons (i) who travelled to COVID-19 affected areas (a list of which is available at <a href="https://www.cnscbt.ro/index.php/liste-zone-afectate-covid-19">https://www.cnscbt.ro/index.php/liste-zone-afectate-covid-19</a>) or (ii) had contact with persons presenting symptoms and who have travelled to COVID-19 affected areas or (iii) had contact with persons confirmed with COVID-19 and (iv) the family members thereof</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Type</b>     | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>Upon entering Romania, all persons coming from countries/areas/territories with high epidemiological risk (as defined above at the Subjects section):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, carried out with at least 72 hours before boarding (for those using means of collective transportation) or upon entering Romania (for those using private means of</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

transportation), will enter into quarantine at home / other location for 10 days; the RT-PCR test result must be issued by an authorized laboratory, in the official language of the respective state and in English, on paper or in electronic form, and it will include the identification data of the tested persons; children up to the age of three that enter Romania with the above mentioned persons will enter into quarantine for 10 days, but are exempted from the obligation to present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection;

- that do not present upon entering Romania a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection will enter quarantine at home / other location for 14 days; these persons can exit the quarantine after the 10<sup>th</sup> day, if they carry out a SARS-CoV-2 test in the 8<sup>th</sup> day and the result to the same is negative and in the absence of specific symptomatology.

Children up to the age of three and the persons mentioned at section 6 points (ii), (iii), (v), (vii) and (xii) are exempted from presenting a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection carried out with at least 72 hours before boarding.

The economic entities that carry out international, air and road transportation of persons, by using scheduled, non-scheduled flights to Romania from high epidemiological risk areas, must not allow the boarding of those persons that do not present a document attesting:

- a negative result of RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection carried out at least 72 hours before boarding; or
- the vaccination with the second dose against SARS-CoV-2 with at least 10 days before boarding; or
- the fact that they were confirmed positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 90 days before boarding and that at least 14 days have passed between the date of the boarding and the date of the confirmation with such infection; the above mentioned aspects can be proved by medical documents, such as a positive RT-PCR test at the date of the diagnostic, hospital discharge note or a test that shows the presence of the IgG antibodies carried out at most 14 days before entering the

country, as well as other supporting documents.

For all persons coming to Romania from abroad, the measure of quarantine / isolation is established at the home / location declared by the person in question, together with the roommates, including the family / relatives, as the case may be.

By way of exception, persons who do not have the possibility to meet the conditions for quarantine / isolation at home / other location or who request this in order not to expose their family may opt for the measure of institutionalized quarantine, in specially designated spaces made available by local public administration authorities.

In all cases requiring quarantine, if an exceptional situation arises, (namely to take part in family events related to birth, marriage or death, travels for medical interventions/treatments where is an urgent need, e.g., oncological conditions, serious renal insufficiency that requires haemodialysis, to change the identity documents, to leave the country, to be present at the vaccination centre according to schedule, etc.), the possibility to temporarily suspend the quarantine may be analysed, based on supporting documents by the regional coordination centres and a decision to temporarily suspend the quarantine may be granted by the Public Health Department.

The persons that are a direct contact of a person confirmed positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection are exempted from the quarantine measure if the same were:

- confirmed positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 90 days prior to the contact, that can be proved by medical documents (i.e., a positive RT-PCR test at the date of the diagnostic, hospital discharge note, or a test that shows the presence of the IgG antibodies carried out at least 14 days from the confirmation date up until the contact date);
- vaccinated with the second dose against SARS-CoV-2 at least 10 days before the direct contact.

The proof of vaccination is made with the document issued by the health unit that administered the vaccine.

Several categories of persons involved in the transportation sector are exempted from quarantine obligations, if they do not show



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|                                                                                   | symptoms of infection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4. Exemptions from quarantine and isolation measures upon entering Romania</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                  | <p>Government Decision no. 293/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with March 14, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>National Committee for Emergency Situations Decision no. 9/2021 for the approval of the list of countries/areas/territories with a high epidemiological risk for which the quarantine measure is set if a person arrives in Romania therefrom, for establishing the rules for the application of the quarantine measure on persons arriving from countries/areas/territories of high epidemiological risk and repealing certain provisions of the Committee decisions</p> <p>National Committee for Emergency Situations Decision for the approval of the list of countries/areas/territories with a high epidemiological risk for which the quarantine measure is set if a person arrives in Romania from the same, for establishing the rules for the application of the quarantine measure on persons arriving from countries/areas/territories of high epidemiological risk and repealing certain provisions of the Committee decisions</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                   | Drivers of motor vehicles used for the carriage of goods with a maximum authorized capacity of over 2.4 tonnes, aircraft pilots, seafarers, cross-border workers, persons that perform installation, commissioning, maintenance, service activities on medical equipment and equipment or work in the scientific, economic, defence, public order and national security fields                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                       | Restriction measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                    | <p>Specific categories of persons are exempted from the mandatory quarantine and insolation measures to the extent symptoms associated with COVID-19 are absent:</p> <p>(i) persons entering Romania from countries/areas/territories with epidemiological risk whom, before entering Romania, have remained 14 consecutive days in one or more countries/areas/territories without epidemiological risk;</p> <p>(ii) drivers of motor vehicles used for the carriage of goods with</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|  | <p>a maximum authorized capacity over 2.4 tonnes and drivers of passenger vehicles with more than 9 seats, including the driver's seat;</p> <p>(iii) drivers of the above vehicles that travel from and to an European Union member state for professional reasons, irrespective of whether the movement is made by individual means or on their own account;</p> <p>(iv) members of the European Parliament, parliamentarians and staff belonging to the international institutions, as well as representatives of Romania in international bodies and organizations where the Romanian state is a party;</p> <p>(v) aircraft pilots and flight crew, as well as locomotive drivers and railway staff;</p> <p>(vi) Romanian, maritime and river shipping personnel repatriating by any means of transport or carrying out the exchange of crew on board ships in Romanian ports, regardless of the flag they fly, if at the entry into the country, as well as at the boarding on / getting off the ship, they present to the competent authorities a <i>“certificate for workers from the international transport sector”</i>;</p> <p>(vii) navigating personnel disembarking from inland waterway vessels flying the Romanian flag in a Romanian port, provided that the employers provide the certificate for international transport workers and personal protective equipment against COVID-19, on the time of travel from the ship to the location where they can be contacted between voyages;</p> <p>(viii) cross-border workers entering Romania from Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia, Ukraine or the Republic of Moldova, as well as the Romanian citizens employed by businesses from the above-mentioned countries, if, upon entering the country, they prove the contractual relations with the said economic entities;</p> <p>(ix) employees of the Romanian businesses who, according to their contract, perform work outside the Romanian territory, if, upon their return to the country, they prove the</p> |
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|  | <p>contractual relationship with the beneficiary outside the national territory;</p> <p>(x) the representatives of the foreign companies that have subsidiaries / branches / representations or agencies on the national territory, if at the entrance on the Romanian territory they prove the contractual relationship with the relevant economic entities from Romania;</p> <p>(xi) inspectors with international bodies, as well as persons entering Romania for the provision of activities of use, installation, commissioning, maintenance, servicing of medical equipment and technology, as well as equipment in the fields of science, economics, defence, public order and national security, if they provide evidence of the relevant contractual relationship with the beneficiary / beneficiaries on the Romanian territory;</p> <p>(xii) members of diplomatic missions, consular offices and other diplomatic missions accredited in Bucharest, holders of diplomatic passports, on the basis of reciprocity, staff assimilated to diplomatic staff, as well as members of the Romanian Diplomatic and Consular Corps and holders of diplomatic and service passports, as well as members of their families;</p> <p>(xiii) the employees of the national system of defence, public order and national security who return to Romania from missions executed abroad;</p> <p>(xiv) pupils / students, Romanian citizens or citizens of the neighbouring states of Romania, with domicile or residence outside Romania who are enrolled in educational units / institutions located in Romania, who commute daily or who must pass tests or exams at the end of secondary school cycles / high school / higher education or who travel for activities related to the start, organisation, attendance or completion of studies, as well as the persons accompanying them if they are minors;</p> <p>(xv) members of the international sport delegations who take part in sport competitions organized on the Romanian territory, in accordance with the law, officials of the international sport</p> |
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|  | <p>forums that organize such competitions, delegated arbitrators as well as the accredited journalists to these competitions;</p> <p>(xvi) foreign sportsmen licensed by the Romanian clubs that return on the Romanian territory following their participation to an official international competition of the national teams, if they resume their sport activity within the club where they are licensed and if they have a valid contract with a Romanian sport club;</p> <p>(xvii) filming crews that have professional activities on the Romanian territory based on a contract or other supportive document, if they present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, carried out at least 72 hours before boarding (for those using means of collective transport) or upon entering Romania (for those using their own transportation means);</p> <p>(xviii) persons that are in transit, if they leave the Romanian territory within 24 hours from the entering the country;</p> <p>(xix) persons handed over to the Romanian authorities under readmission agreements, and are being returned following an accelerated procedure;</p> <p>(xx) employees/representatives of Romanian businesses who travel outside Romania in order to negotiate/sign commercial contracts/agreements, if they present negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, carried out at least 72 hours before boarding (for those using means of collective transport) or upon entering Romania (for those using their own transportation means), as well as a supporting document providing evidence of their participation in the negotiation process or the signed commercial contract/agreement;</p> <p>(xxi) persons who enter Romania from the countries/areas/territories with high epidemiological risk, if the same remain on the Romanian territory for a period shorter than 3 days (72 hours) and present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, carried out at least</p> |
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|                               | <p>72 hours before entering the national territory;</p> <p>(xxii) persons confirmed positive with SARS-CoV-2 virus infection in the last 90 days before boarding, provided that there are at least 14 days between the date of the confirmation with such infection and the date of the boarding the above mentioned aspects can be proved by medical documents, such as a positive RT-PCR test at the date of the diagnostic, hospital discharge note or a test that shows the presence of the IgG antibodies carried out a maximum of 14 days before entering the country, as well as other supporting documents;</p> <p>(xxiii) persons vaccinated with the second dose against SARS-CoV-2 at least 10 days before entering Romania.</p> <p>The persons mentioned at points (ii), (iii), (v), (vii), (xii), (xxii) and (xxiii) above, as well as the children up to the age of three will not be required to present a negative RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus infection upon entering Romania.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>               | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>5. Flight restrictions</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>              | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>               | Airlines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Type</b>                   | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                | <p>In certain circumstances during the state of alert, air flights to and from certain countries may be suspended for a specific period of time, except for the following:</p> <p>(i) flights carried out with official aircrafts;</p> <p>(ii) correspondence and freight flights;</p> <p>(iii) humanitarian flights or medical emergency flights;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                    | <p>(iv) search and rescue or interventions in emergency situations flights, upon request of a Romanian public authority;</p> <p>(v) flights transporting technical intervention teams, at the request of the economic entities established in Romania;</p> <p>(vi) technical non-commercial landings;</p> <p>(vii) positioning the aircrafts, without ferry type commercial cargo;</p> <p>(viii) the charter flights by all air carriers holding a valid operating licence pursuant to European Union regulations, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• transport seasonal workers, or</li> <li>• are used for repatriation of foreign citizens from Romania to other states, subject to the approval of the competent authorities from the country of destination, or</li> <li>• are used for the repatriation of Romanian citizens from other states to Romania, or</li> <li>• are used for the transport of the workers in the field of transportation, mentioned in the Annex to the Communication for the implementation of Green Lanes.</li> </ul> <p>Currently, there are no suspended air flights to and from certain countries.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                    | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>6. Measures related to transport activities</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                   | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Common order no. 1082/79/2020 on the measures and rules in the field of transportation, throughout the state of alert, for preventing the spread of COVID-19</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Subjects</b> | Airline operators, airports, railway operators, train station, road transport operators, taxis and alternative transportation, subway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>     | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>The operators in charge with the administration of the transport infrastructure have the following obligations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to take the necessary measures in order to ensure the safety distance of at least 1.5 meters between persons in areas at risk of overcrowding such as train stations, coach station, ports, boarding and disembarking places, airport terminals, subway stations, by configuring designated routes for the movement of persons and the areas where the people temporarily stop;</li> <li>• to inform passengers with regard to sanitary protection measures, through posters or audio or video means, ;</li> <li>• to periodically disinfect the areas at risk of overcrowding.</li> </ul> <p>Wearing a mask that covers the nose and the mouth is mandatory in all train stations, coach stations, ports, places of boarding and disembarking, airports terminals, subway stations, and inside any means of transportation.</p> <p>Specific measures are applicable for each type of transport.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### III. OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE ACTIVITIES

| <b>7. Obligation to continue certain public utility services</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Enactment</b>                                                 | Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2020 on the regulation of certain measures, starting with May 15, 2020, in the context of the epidemiological situation determined by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, for the extension of certain terms, for the amendment and supplementation of Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, as well as other legal enactments |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                  | Energy and gas transmission and distribution operators<br>Water, sewage and sanitation operators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                                                      | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                                   | The public utility operators mentioned above are obliged to ensure continuous supply of utilities and, in the event of an incident of disconnection, the same will be postponed until the state of alert ends.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                  | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## IV. RELATIONSHIP WITH AUTHORITIES

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| <b>8. Expiry date for documents issued by public authorities</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                 | Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                  | Legal entities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Type</b>                                                      | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>                                                   | The documents issued by public authorities set to expire during the state of alert period will remain valid throughout the state of alert and for a period of 90 days from the expiry of this period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                  | For the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>9. Relationship with Trade Registry</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                 | Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2020 on the regulation of certain measures, starting with May 15, 2020, in the context of the epidemiological situation determined by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, for the extension of certain terms, for the amendment and supplementation of Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, of the National Education Law no. 1/2011, as well as other legal enactments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                  | Trade Registries and legal entities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type</b>                                                      | Restriction and support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>                                                   | <p>Trade Registry operations are recommended to be undertaken online, based on authorized electronic signatures for the period mentioned below or by courier/postal services.</p> <p>Trade Registry activity with the public is carried out during a daily working schedule of four hours, divided into two intervals of two hours each. In the period between the two intervals, the spaces assigned to working with the public must be disinfected. The public access is made in an organized way, within the number of counters assigned to work with the public, with the presence of a single person at each counter.</p> <p>Affidavits and specimen signatures usually submitted before the Trade Registry in notarized form (and with apostille assuming the</p> |



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|                              | same are signed before a public notary from abroad) will be temporarily accepted under private signature.                                                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>              | Starting with November 13, 2020 until August 12, 2021.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | MPR Partners is fully able to perform online registrations, holding authorized electronic signatures. Businesses wishing to perform such registrations themselves should hold authorized electronic signatures. |

## V. TRADE CONDITIONS

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| <b>10. Possible capping of the price for certain products and services</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                            | Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                             | Legal entities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                 | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                                              | The prices for the products used for solving the cause that determined the state of alert may be capped, in accordance with article 4 paragraph 3 from the Romanian Competition Law no. 21/1990, only if there are dysfunctionalities in ensuring such products on the market.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                             | For the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                | Subsequent acts will need to be issued. No such acts have been issued to date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>11. Rules regarding agri-food markets and plant-based products shops</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                            | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Common Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, of the Minister of Public Works, Development and Administration, of the Minister of Health and of the Minister of Labour and Social Protection no. 335/4.225/2.078/1.730/2020 for the approval of the Regulation on the conduct of the activity of agri-food markets, including mobile markets, during the state of alert established on the Romanian territory, and the setting of the measures that are applicable on the duration of the same for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agri-food markets, including mobile markets;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any legal person pursuing a retail trade activity;</li> <li>• family associations and authorised natural persons, including craftsmen;</li> <li>• individual producers/processors in the agri-food sector and their associations, that market their own agri-food products;</li> <li>• natural persons that occasionally sell their own goods in markets organized for this purpose;</li> <li>• consumers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type</b>    | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b> | <p>For the duration of the state of alert, protective measures against the spread of COVID-19 must be taken in agri-markets (including mobile ones), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) displaying in visible places the rules for access, individual protection, physical distance and hygiene;</li> <li>(ii) the access in the agri-food/mobile markets is permitted subject to the observance by the users of a minimum 2 meters safety distance; visible signs will be placed on the floor in this respect;</li> <li>(iii) limiting the consumers' access so that the minimum 2 meters safety distance between each two persons is ensured, but without exceeding 50 percentage of the maximum capacity of the market;</li> <li>(iv) ensuring unilateral visiting flows for maintaining the safety distance; there will be two separate routes, one for the entrance and one for exit, to avoid congestion and consumers crossing each other; traffic systems will be implemented;</li> <li>(v) access doors will be blocked in the open position, if the doors are not automatic;</li> <li>(vi) users' access will be permitted only if they wear a mask (medical/nonmedical), covering the mouth and the nose, for the entire duration of their visit;</li> <li>(vii) upon entering the agri-food/mobile market, it will be</li> </ul> |

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|                 | <p>organized an observational triage and the access will not be allowed for the persons presenting symptoms of respiratory infection (cough, sneeze, rhinorrhoea);</p> <p>(viii) daily disinfection or each and every time is required;</p> <p>(ix) the users that come into direct contact with the agri-food products they market, such as meat, cheese, salads, must wear gloves, alongside the mask;</p> <p>(x) the marketed agri-food products must be displayed so that to protect the health and hygiene;</p> <p>(xi) the stands must be protected by transparent plastic screens in order to both ensure the health and hygiene of the traders and of the food;</p> <p>(xii) permanent monitoring of the proper functioning of the running water and sewage installations used for washing the fruit and vegetables and for toilet facilities.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | Duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## VI. RESTRICTIONS TO OPERATE

| <b>12. Restaurants and hotels</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Enactment</b>                  | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Common Order no. 1731/832/2020 on the measures for the prevention of the new SARS-CoV-2 and for ensuring the safety of the economic activities during the state of alert</p> <p>Common Order 1.493/2.788/149/2020 for the approval of the Norm on certain measures for the prevention against the spreading of SARS-CoV-2 when preparing, marketing and consumption of food products and/or of alcoholic and/or non-alcoholic beverages in hospitality venues such as restaurants and cafes inside the buildings, as well as in the special designated areas outside the buildings</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                   | Bars, pubs, restaurants, hotels, cafes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                       | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                    | <p>The activity of serving and consuming food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages inside restaurants and cafes, including those inside hotels, boarding houses or other accommodation establishments is allowed between 06.00–22.00 under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• without exceeding 50 percent of the maximum capacity in those counties/localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is lower or equal to 1,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants;</li> <li>• without exceeding 30 percent of the maximum capacity in those counties/localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is more than 1,5 and lower or equal to 3 cases per 1.000 inhabitants.</li> </ul> <p>In case the incidence of cases in the last 14 days exceeds 3 cases per</p>                                                                                                                   |

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|                              | <p>1.000 inhabitants, the activity of serving and consuming food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages inside restaurants and cafes is prohibited. In the case of restaurants and cafes located inside hotels, boarding houses or other accommodation establishments, the activity of serving and consuming food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages is permitted only for the persons who are accommodated therein.</p> <p>The aforementioned conditions and restrictions are applicable to the economic entities which operate in closed public spaces that have a roof/ceiling and are bounded by minimum two walls, irrespective of the nature of the walls or if the same are permanent or temporary.</p> <p>Where the activity of serving and consuming food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages inside restaurants and cafes, including those inside hotels, boarding houses or other accommodation establishments is restricted or closed, all activities of <i>“drive-in”</i>, <i>“room-service”</i> or delivery to the customer are permitted.</p> <p>The activity of serving and consuming food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages is permitted in the specially designated spaces outside the buildings, in open air, provided that a two meters safety distance between the tables is ensured and that maximum six persons that do not belong to the same family are seated at the same table.</p> <p>The activity in bars, clubs and discotheques is prohibited.</p> <p>Hotels are obliged to take all measures to ensure protection against COVID-19, paying close attention to the accommodation of guests, related services (restaurant and cleaning services) and specific interactions (between guests, between personnel and guests and between members of the personnel).</p> <p>The children playrooms within hotels, as well as saunas, indoor pools will remain closed.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | Where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 1,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, the County/Bucharest Committees for emergency situations have the obligation to meet no later than 48 hours from the date the above-mentioned threshold is exceeded in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                                         | <p>order to analyse the epidemiological situation and to urgently adopt the measures to mitigate the risk impact in accordance with the relevant legislation.</p> <p>Considering that, in the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 4 cases and lower or equal to 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, the movement of persons outside their homes between 20.00 and 5.00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is forbidden, it can be interpreted that the restaurants and cafes can operate in these days only until 20.00. In case the restriction of movement of persons outside their homes between 20.00 and 5.00 is extended for the entire week (in the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants), the closing hours of the restaurants and cafes must be modified accordingly.</p> |
| <b>13. Recreation and personal care</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                        | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Common Order no. 1731/832/2020 on the measures for the prevention of the new SARS-CoV-2 and for ensuring the safety of the economic activities during the state of alert</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>                         | Entities involved in cultural, scientific, artistic, sports, entertainment, gambling, spa treatment and personal care activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                             | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                          | <p>Personal care activities that take place in specially designated spaces with the observance of the sanitary safety conditions are allowed.</p> <p>The same is valid for cinemas, performance and/or concerts venues. Organizing and pursuing the business in case of cinemas, performance and/or concert venues is allowed provided that the participation of the public is limited to:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 percent of the maximum capacity, where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is lower or equal to 1,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants;</li> <li>• 30 percent of the maximum capacity, where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is more than 1,5 cases and lower or equal to 3 cases per 1.000 inhabitants.</li> </ul> <p>Where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is above 3 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, organizing and pursuing the business in case of cinemas, performance and/or concerts venues is prohibited.</p> <p>Drive-in shows are allowed only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is lower or equal to 1,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants;</li> <li>• the car occupants are the members of the same family or they are in groups of three.</li> </ul> <p>Organizing, in the open air, public and private shows, concerts, festivals or any other cultural events is allowed only with 300 seated spectators that are placed at minimum 2 meters from one another and wear protection masks.</p> <p>The drive-in shows and the open-air public and private shows, concerts, festivals or any other cultural events are prohibited where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is above 1.5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants.</p> <p>All reunions with the occasion of holidays, anniversaries, parties in public and/or private closed and/or opened spaces are prohibited.</p> <p>Organizing trainings and workshops for adults, including those organized for the implementation of European funds financed projects, is allowed inside with the participation of maximum 25 persons and outside with the participation of 50 persons and with the observance of the public health rules.</p> <p>The gambling operators must observe the opening hours as well as the restrictions set by decisions issued by the National/County/Bucharest Committees for Emergency Situations, as the case might be.</p> <p>In those localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is</p> |
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|                                         | higher than 4 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, all sport and fitness activities, that are held in confined spaces, are suspended. The same can be resumed in case the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is lower or equal with 3,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Duration</b>                         | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>14. Retail commercial activities</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Enactment</b>                        | Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic<br><br>Government Decision no. 432/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with April 13, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Subjects</b>                         | Commercial centres, supermarkets, retail shops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                             | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                          | <p>Economic entities engaged in trade or supply of services in private and/or public closed and/or open spaces can operate in the interval of 05.00 – 21.00.</p> <p>In the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 4 cases and lower or equal to 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, economic entities engaged in trade or supply of services in private and/or public closed and/or open spaces can operate in the interval of 05.00 – 18.00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>In the localities where the incidence of cases in the last 14 days is higher than 7,5 cases per 1.000 inhabitants, the interval mentioned above will be applicable irrespective of the day of the week.</p> <p>Outside these hours, the aforementioned economic entities can operate only in relation to the economic entities that operate in the home delivery sector.</p> <p>The pharmacies, gas stations, home delivery operators, passenger road transport operators using passenger vehicles with more than 9 seats, including the driver's seat and road freight operators using motor vehicles with a maximum authorized capacity over 2.4 tonnes can operate without restrictions, with the observance of the</p> |

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|                 | health protection rules.<br>Children playgrounds, gambling halls, bars, clubs and discotheques cannot operate inside commercial centres. |
| <b>Duration</b> | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                  |

## VII. PHARMA AND HEALTHCARE

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| <b>15. Measures to increase supply and simplify reimbursement of medical services and medicinal products</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                             | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2020 on regulating certain measures, starting with May 15, 2020, in the context of the epidemiological situation determined by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, for prolonging some terms, for amending and supplementing Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, Law no. 1/2011 on national education, as well as other normative acts (“GEO no. 70/2020”), approved by Law no. 179/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 80/2020 amending and supplementing some measures in healthcare</p> <p>Government Decision no. 438/2020 amending annex 2 of Government Decision no. 140/2018 for the approval of the services packages and the Framework Agreement that regulates the conditions of the provision of medical assistance, medicinal products and medical devices within the health insurance system for the years 2018-2019, for the extension of terms and for establishing measures in the field of health during the establishment of the state of emergency in the territory of Romania</p> <p>Government Decision no. 433/2020 amending Government Decision no. 155/2017 on the approval of the national healthcare programs for the years 2017 and 2018, as well as for establishing some measures in the context of the epidemiological situation caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.</p> <p>Law no. 179/2020 approving GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 162/2020 supplementing GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 168/2020 supplementing GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 218/2020 supplementing GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 5/2021 supplementing</p> |

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|                 | <p>article 25<sup>2</sup> of the GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Decision no. 33/2021 amending and supplementing chapter XVI of Annex no. 2 to the Government Decision no. 140/2018 for the approval of the services packages and the Framework Agreement that regulates the conditions of the provision of medical assistance, medicinal products and medical devices within the health insurance system for the years 2018-2019, for the extension of terms and for establishing measures in the field of health during the establishment of the state of emergency in the territory of Romania</p> <p>Government Decision no. 351/2021 amending and supplementing certain healthcare normative acts, prolonging certain application terms thereof, as well as prolonging certain terms</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 20/2021 establishing measures within the social health insurance system in the context of the evolution of the epidemiological situation caused by the spread of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, as well as repealing some provisions of the GEO no. 70/2020</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b> | Healthcare services providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>During the state of alert, the following principles apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medical services for treatment of COVID-19 cases and complications are provided for all persons on the territory of Romania, the corresponding expenses being covered from the budget of the Sole National Health Insurances Fund (“FNUASS”);</li> <li>• medical services and medicinal products may be granted and validated without signing in with the national health insurance card and without observing the maximum reporting term (<i>i.e.</i>, three business days);</li> <li>• in case of medical and home care services, as well as in case of assistive medical devices, technologies and devices, registered / issued off-line, it is not mandatory to send their respective health insurances in the designated Platform within 3 working days from the date of their granting or releasing, as the case</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   |

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|  | <p>might be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the health insurance houses contract the entire amount allocated by the National Health Insurance House for hospital medical services and national health programs;</li> <li>• for the sanitary units with beds that provide hospital medical services, in continuous hospitalization regime, in contractual relationship with the health insurance houses, the monthly settlement is made without the need for a regularization of the second and third quarters, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) at the level of the value related to the indicators realized within the limit of the contract value, if the equivalent value of the actually realized expenses is covered;</li> <li>(ii) at the level of the expenses actually realized within the limit of the contract value, in the situation when the value afferent to the realized indicators is less than or equal to the level of the actually realized expenses;</li> <li>(iii) at the level of the achieved indicators, without exceeding the amount that can be contracted depending on the maximum monthly operating capacity of each hospital;</li> <li>(iv) at the level of the actual expenses incurred, in case they exceed the contracted level, justified by the epidemiological situation generated by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, for the sanitary units with beds that provide hospital medical services in continuous hospitalization to patients diagnosed with COVID-19.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• starting with the second semester of 2021, for the sanitary units with beds which provide hospital medical services in continuous hospitalization for patients diagnosed with COVID-19 and are in a contractual relationship with the county health insurance houses, respectively with the Bucharest insurance house, as well as with the House of Defense Health Insurance, Public Order, National Security and Judicial Authority, the monthly settlement is made without the need for a quarterly regularization;</li> </ul> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• starting with the second quarter of 2021, the hospital medical services provided in day hospitalization performed by the sanitary units with beds are settled under the conditions established by the framework contract, approved by Government decision, and by the methodological norms of its application;</li><li>• in the second quarter of 2021, for the health units that carry out national curative health programs, the settlement of the services is carried out at the incurred level, by additional acts of supplementation of the contracted amounts, after the end of the month in which the services were provided;</li><li>• medical services provided by primary healthcare units and specialized ambulatory will be reimbursed based on the current level of activity within the limits of 6 consultations/hour;</li><li>• general practitioners may prescribe medicinal products to patients with chronic conditions, including the restricted medicinal products on the List of reimbursable medicinal products;</li><li>• starting with the second semester of 2021, the settling and the quarterly regularization of both the dialysis and radiotherapy services is performed at the incurred level, by way of concluding additional documents to supplement the contract value, within the amounts allocated for this purpose, within the budget of the FNUASS;</li><li>• all actually performed dialysis services are reimbursed by the FNUASS, not exceeding the number of patients approved at national level;</li><li>• medical consultations provided in primary care and the outpatient clinic, including for some related services necessary for the medical act, provided in the package of basic services, respectively in the minimum package of medical services, may be provided remotely, using any means of communication;</li><li>• starting with the second quarter of 2021, the home medical care services and the palliative home care services provided by the providers which are in a contractual relationship with the county health insurance houses, respectively with the Bucharest</li></ul> |
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municipality, as well as with the Defense Health Insurance House, Public Order, National Security and the Judicial Authority are settled under the conditions established by the framework contract, approved by Government decision, and by the methodological norms for its application;

- for outpatient paraclinical and medical imaging investigations, necessary to monitor patients diagnosed with COVID-19 after discharge from hospital and for whom providers of paraclinical medical services have distinct records, as well as patients diagnosed with cancer, diabetes, rare diseases, cardiovascular diseases, cerebrovascular diseases, neurological diseases, the amounts contracted with the health insurance houses can be supplemented after the end of the month in which the paraclinical investigations were granted by additional documents;
- in the second quarter of 2021, for the sanatoriums / sanatoriums in hospitals that carry out activity, the contracts with Bucharest or the county health insurance houses, as well as with the House of Defense Health Insurance, Public Order, National Security and Judicial Authority, are concluded for the activity carried out according to the legal regulations in force and the monthly settlement is made at the level of the indicators realized within the contract value, if only the actually incurred expenses are covered, or, as the case may be, at the level of the expenses actually incurred within the contract value, where the value of the indicators achieved is less than or equal to the level of expenses actually incurred, without the need for a quarterly regularization; starting with the second semester of 2021, for the sanatoriums / sanatorium sections in the hospitals that carry out activity, the conclusion of the contracts above, as well as the monthly settlement, are made according to the provisions of the framework contract, approved by a decision of the Government, and by the methodological norms for its application;
- the documents used in the social health insurance system that expire until September 30, 2020 remain valid depending on the evolution of the pandemic, under the conditions established by order of the Minister of Health and the President of the National Health Insurance House;

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|                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the validity of the sanitary operating authorizations, as well as the compliance plans of the hospitals are extended until December 31, 2022;</li> <li>in the budget of the FNUASS, in accordance with the law, additional amounts will be allocated for the priority settlement of medical leave granted to quarantined persons, regardless of where it is established or institutionalized, at a location declared by the quarantined person or by isolation, as following a suspicion of COVID-19 infection, and patients diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, and also additional amounts will be allocated for the settlement of curative health programs, paraclinical investigations and medical imaging.</li> </ul>                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                 | Until the end of the month when the state of alert ceases                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>16. Special care rules for operation of dental practices</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 828/2020 on measures for organizing and performing the activity of dental cabinets and non-COVID healthcare units during the state of alert</p> <p>Decision of the College of Dental Medics of Romania for the approval of the recommendations for restarting the activity of dental practices</p> <p>Government Decision no. 35/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with February 12, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 873/2020 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 828/2020 on measures for organizing and performing the activity of dental cabinets and non-COVID healthcare units during the state of alert</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                 | Dental practices, non-COVID healthcare units                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>                                                     | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content</b>                                                  | <p>The activity of dental practices and non-COVID healthcare units is regulated by the provisions of the annexes to the Order.</p> <p>More detailed recommendations are those of the College of Dental</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Medics.</p> <p>Only authorised dental practices will be allowed to treat patients with COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>Regarding non-COVID healthcare units, all patients will be deemed as potentially infected. Both suspect patients and medical personnel will wear protective equipment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                      | Starting March 15, 2020, for the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>17. Approved treatment protocol for COVID-19</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Order no. 487/2020 of the Minister of Health approving the treatment protocol for the infection with SARS-Cov-2</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 503/2020 amending the annex to the Ministry of Health Order no. 487/2020 approving the treatment protocol for the infection with SARS-Cov-2</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 860/2020 amending the annex to the Ministry of Health Order no. 487/2020 approving the treatment protocol for the infection with SARS-Cov-2</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2054/2020 amending the annex to the Ministry of Health Order no. 487/2020 approving the treatment protocol for the infection with SARS-Cov-2</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                                                                                      | Concerned healthcare providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                                                                                       | The enactment approves the Romanian treatment scheme and other recommendations concerning COVID-19 patients based on and available international documents issued by the World Health Organization and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>18. Temporary suspension of distribution outside Romania of biocidal products used in the treatment of SARS-COV-2 infections and of the raw materials thereof</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                                                                                     | Ministry of Health Order no. 499/2020 approving the temporary suspension of the distribution outside Romania of biocidal products used in ensuring the prevention of the afflictions associated to the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                 | <p>SARS-COV-2 infection</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 568 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 499/2020 approving the temporary suspension of the distribution outside Romania of biocidal products used in the prevention of the afflictions associated to the SARS-COV-2 infection</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 684/2020 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 499/2020 approving the temporary suspension of the distribution outside Romania of biocidal products used in ensuring the prevention of the afflictions associated to the SARS-COV-2 infection</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 752/2020 supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 499/2020 approving the temporary suspension of the distribution outside Romania of biocidal products used in ensuring the prevention of the afflictions associated to the SARS-COV-2 infection</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b> | Producers and distributors of biocide products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Type</b>     | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>The distribution outside Romania of the TP1 and TP2 biocide, is suspended.</p> <p>The following exceptions are provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the delivery of biocide products manufactured by Romanian producers or by EU producers headquartered in Romania, including those manufactured under contract;</li> <li>• the transit of biocide products; and</li> <li>• biocide products manufactured by Romanian producers or by EU producers in Romania, that are to be donated.</li> </ul> <p>In such situations, specific documentation must be presented at the customs.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Duration</b> | Starting March 26, 2020, for the duration of the pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| <b>19. Extending the validity of the maximum prices and reference prices approved before March 29, 2017</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                            | Ministry of Health Order no. 2232/2020 amending the Ministry of Health Order no. 368/2017 for the approval of the Norms regarding the calculation method and approval procedure of the maximum prices for medicinal products for human use                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                             | Producers and distributors of medicinal products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                 | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                              | The order extends from April 1, 2020 until the entry into force of the Order for the approval of the calculated prices following the annual correction, but no later than October 1, 2021, the validity of (i) the maximum prices of medicinal products for human use authorized for being placed on the market, included in the National Catalogue of prices of medicines authorized for marketing in Romania (“ <b>Canamed</b> ”) and the public price catalogue, as well as of (ii) the reference price for generics/biosimilar/innovative medicines, which were approved before the enforcement of Order no. 368/2017. |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                             | March 30, 2020 – October 1, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                                                | This is one of several successive extensions approved by the Ministry of Health (as the initial term was September 1, 2017) and is meant to prevent the expiration of the maximum prices/reference prices approved before the enforcement of Order no. 368/2017 which would have occurred on April 1, 2020 due to the absence of any annual correction of such prices by the Ministry of Health up to this date.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>20. Increase of COVID-19 diagnose testing capacity</b>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                            | Order no. 534/2020 of the Ministry of Health for supplementing the Norms regarding the functioning of medical analysis laboratories, approved by Order of the Minister of Health no. 1301/2007                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                             | Medical analysis laboratories outside the public healthcare system                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                 | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                              | During the pandemic, medical analysis laboratories, other than those in the healthcare system, which will offer testing for COVID-19 infections, will be granted functioning authorization by the county                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                       | public health authorities based on an affidavit. During the seven days following the authorization issuance date, health inspectors will conduct inspections for checking the conformity with the affidavit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                       | Starting March 30, 2020, for the duration of the pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                          | This is an exceptional and temporary measure implemented throughout the pandemic duration only and it is meant to increase Romania's capacity of testing COVID-19 infections in the context of rapidly growing number of affected patients.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>21. Measures for preparing hospitals for the COVID-19 pandemic</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                      | Ministry of Health Order no. 434/2021 on the approval of the Plan of Measures for the organization of hospitals and dialysis units in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the list of hospitals and dialysis units providing healthcare for patients, confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19, according to the classification of hospitals in 3 levels of competence (" <b>Order no. 434/2021</b> ")<br><br>Ministry of Health Order no. 456/2021 amending Annex no. 2 to the Order no. 434/2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                       | Healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                                           | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content</b>                                                        | The Order approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the measures plan for the preparation of hospitals and dialysis centres in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; and</li> <li>• the list of hospitals and dialysis units that provide medical assistance and healthcare for patients, confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19, according to the classification of hospitals into 3 levels of competence.</li> </ul> <p>The above-mentioned list shall be updated monthly, until the 10th of each month, and whenever necessary, by order of the Minister of Health, in order to introduce or eliminate hospitals and dialysis units and to change the classification, if necessary, at the proposal of the county public health directorates and of the Bucharest municipality.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                       | Starting March 27, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 22.              | <b>Extension of the term of the health service packages and Frame-agreement for the years 2018-2019 and of the national health programs for the year 2017-2018</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Enactment</b> | <p>Order of the National Health Insurance House no. 438/2020 amending and supplementing the Order of the President of the National Health Insurance House no. 245/2017 for the approval of the Technical Norms for the realization of the national curative health programs for the years 2017 and 2018, the prolongation of the application of its provisions and the extension of a term</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order 540/2020 amending and supplementing the Technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 805/2020 extending the term of application of the provisions of the Technical Norms for the realization of the national public health programs for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017, as well as for their amendment and supplementation</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 820/2020 amending and supplementing the Technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 909/2020 amending and supplementing the Technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1197/2020 amending and supplementing Order of the President of the National Health Insurance House no. 245/2017 for the approval of the Technical Norms for the implementation of the national curative health programs for the years 2017 and 2018, the extension of the application of its provisions and the extension of a term</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2179/2020 prolonging the term of application of the Technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> |

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|                                                                           | Government Decision no. 351/2021 amending and supplementing certain healthcare normative acts, prolonging certain application terms thereof, as well as prolonging certain terms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                           | Healthcare service providers, producers and distributors of medicinal products and medical devices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                               | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                                            | <p>The validity of the following documents is extended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the healthcare service packages and framework agreement for providing medical assistance, medicinal products and medical devices within the social security system for the years 2018-2019 ("<b>Frame Agreement</b>") (approved by Government Decision no. 140/2018), including the technical norms thereof;</li> <li>• the national healthcare programs for 2017 and 2018 (approved by Government Decision no. 155/2017), including the technical norms thereof.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                           | Starting March 31, 2020, until June 30, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>23. Extension of specific deadlines set out in the Frame Agreement</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                          | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2051/2020 amending Order of the Minister of Health and of the President of the National Health Insurance House no. 397/836/2018 regarding the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application in 2018 of the Government Decision no. 140/2018 for the approval of the services packages and the Framework Agreement that regulates the conditions of the provision of medical assistance, medicinal products and medical devices within the health insurance system for the years 2018-2019 ("<b>Order no. 397/836/2018</b>")</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2172/2020, amending and supplementing Order no. 397/836/2018</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 74/2021 supplementing Order no. 397/836/2018</p> <p>Government Decision no. 351/2021 amending and supplementing certain healthcare normative acts, prolonging certain application terms thereof, as well as prolonging certain terms</p> |

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| <b>Subjects</b> | Healthcare service providers, producers and distributors of medicinal products and medical devices                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>The term of application of the provisions of the Order no. 397/836/2018 is extended until June 30, 2021. These legal enactments extend until June 30, 2021 the deadlines for the fulfilment of various obligations or for the exercise of certain rights set out by the Frame Agreement, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• observing by the healthcare providers of the warnings issued by the IT System of the Electronic Prescription and prescription related information available on the website of the National Health Insurance House;</li> <li>• the obligation of the healthcare service provider to conduct paraclinical investigations only based on the referral (Romanian "<i>bilet de trimitere</i>") issued by the physician who has contractual relations with the same health insurance house and the reimbursement by the health insurance houses of the paraclinical services complying with these conditions;</li> <li>• outpatient consultations in the outpatient department for clinical specialties, including for the clinical specialty physical medicine and rehabilitation, as well as for those of palliative care in the outpatient clinic are granted without the need to present the referral ticket;</li> <li>• the right of the pharmacy chains having individual pharmacies on the territory of different counties to conclude a single contract with the health insurance house from the county in which the statutory seat is located;</li> <li>• the obligation of the pharmacies to release medicinal products to patients only on the basis of the medical prescriptions issued by the physician who is in contractual relationship with the same health insurance house;</li> <li>• the obligation of the Health Insurance House of Defense, Public Order, National Security and Judicial Authority to conclude contracts with at least one pharmacy in the localities where it has ongoing contracts with medical services providers; starting with April 1, 2021, the pharmacies that have concluded contracts with</li> </ul> |

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|                         | <p>both the health insurance house in whose administrative-territorial area they have their headquarters, branches and registered and authorized work points, and the Defense Health Insurance House, Public Order, National Security and Judicial Authority, must choose with which of the two health insurance companies to remain in a contractual relationship, having the obligation to notify that decision in writing to both health insurance houses.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>         | Starting March 31, 2020, until June 30, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>24. Telemedicine</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b>        | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2020 on regulating certain measures, starting with May 15, 2020, in the context of the epidemiological situation determined by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, for prolonging certain terms, for amending and supplementing Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, Law no. 1/2011 on national education, as well as other normative acts</p> <p>Government Decision no. 438/2020 amending annex 2 of Government Decision no. 140/2018 for the approval of the services packages and the Framework Agreement that regulates the conditions of the provision of medical assistance, medicinal products and medical devices within the health insurance system for the years 2018-2019, for the extension of terms and for establishing measures in the field of health during the establishment of the state of emergency on the territory of Romania</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2172/2020, amending and supplementing Order no. 397/836/2018</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 218/2020 amending GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 196 amending Law no. 95/2006 on the healthcare reform</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 5/2021 amending article 25<sup>2</sup> of the GEO no. 70/2020</p> <p>Government Decision no. 351/2021 amending and supplementing certain healthcare normative acts, prolonging some application terms</p> |



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|                 | thereof, as well as prolonging some terms                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Subjects</b> | Healthcare service providers, pharmacies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>Telemedicine is allowed for the medical consultations included in the basic healthcare package and in the minimal service package, respectively, within the maximum limit of 8 consultations/hour. Medical consultations in primary medical care and clinical specialty ambulatory may be performed by using telecommunication means.</p> <p>Outpatient medical offices of family doctors and other specialties, diagnosis and treatment centres, medical centres, health centres, laboratories, as well as through other public and private health units, including public and private sanitary units with beds can also provide prophylactic and curative medical care through telemedicine.</p> <p>The maximum number of consultations provided at the level of medical service providers in primary care and in the specialized outpatient clinic for clinical specialties is a maximum of 6 consultations per hour / doctor, with the possibility of granting by the family doctor two consultations / month / patient with chronic diseases.</p> <p>The medical consultations provided in the package of basic services, respectively in the minimum package of medical services can also be provided remotely, these can be provided both by family doctors and by specialists from the outpatient clinic, including physical and rehabilitation medicine, and can be carried out by any means of communication, within the maximum number of 6 consultations / hour.</p> <p>The health services related to the medical act provided by the psychologist and speech therapist, provided in the package of basic services from the specialized outpatient medical care for the clinical specialties, can also be provided at a distance - by means of distance communication. Related services that can be provided remotely are granted and settled according to the legal regulations in force applicable to related services provided at the office.</p> <p>Symptomatic patients, for clinical manifestations suggestive of COVID-19, benefit from consultations, including remote</p> |

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|                                                                                                       | <p>consultations that can be performed by any means of communication, which can be provided by family physicians and specialists in the outpatient clinic, within the framework of maximum number of 6 consultations / hour.</p> <p>The family doctor, as well as the specialist doctor in the outpatient clinic, including the physical medicine and rehabilitation doctor, will record the remote medical consultations in the consultation register and in the patient file, as the case may be, indicating the means of communication used and the time interval in which they were performed, and will issue all necessary documents to the patient as a result of the medical act. The documents will be sent to the patient by electronic means.</p> <p>The special medical prescription used for narcotic and psychotropic drugs cannot be transmitted by electronic means.</p> <p>For electronic prescriptions, the medics will use the qualified electronic signature.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                       | Starting March 31, 2020, until June 30, 2021; some measures as the possibility of performing telemedicine, are permanent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                                          | This measure is meant to increase access to healthcare services in times of decreased patients' mobility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>25. New private healthcare service providers contracted for performing COVID-19 RT-PCR testing</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                      | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 554/2020 amending and supplementing the Technical Norms for the implementation of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1354/2020 amending and supplementing the Technical Norms for the implementation of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1598/2020 amending and supplementing the technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                          | Ministry of Health Order no. 2008/2020 amending and supplementing the technical Norms for the realization of the national programs of public health for the years 2017 and 2018, approved by Minister of Health Order no. 377/2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                          | Healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                              | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                           | <p>New healthcare units were added on the list of specialized units contracted for performing RT-PCR testing for 2019-nCoV virus identification.</p> <p>The specialized healthcare units performing such RT-PCR testing have the obligation to ensure the processing of the blood samples collected by the specialized personnel of the public health departments, county and Bucharest-Ilfov ambulance services and of the healthcare units, based on the territorial responsibility established by the National Institute of Public Health.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                          | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                             | The measure increases the COVID-19 testing capacity of the healthcare system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>26. Emergency authorization procedure for new medicinal products against COVID-19</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                         | Ministry of Health Order no. 561/2020 amending and supplementing the annex to Minister of Health Order no. 85/2013 approving the application norms for article 703 paragraphs (1) and (2) of Law no. 95/2006 on healthcare reform, regarding the medicinal products used for special needs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                          | Producers and distributors of medicinal products, healthcare services providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                              | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                           | Upon the initiative of the Ministry of Health, the Romanian Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices ("ANMMDMR") may issue the authorization for the supply of special needs medicinal products with respect to the drugs provided in the Protocol for the treatment of infection with the SARS-Cov-2 virus (approved by Ministry of Health).                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                                   | <p>Such authorization is issued within 72 hours as of Ministry of Health's request.</p> <p>The authorization thus issued is valid until the exhaustion of the stock of medicinal products for which it was issued, without exceeding its expiration date.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Duration</b>                                   | Starting April 6, 2020, for the duration of the pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                      | The measure is meant to facilitate the access of the patients to new treatments discovered for fighting against COVID-19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>27. Increased reserve of medical equipment</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                  | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 589/2020 amending and supplementing annex no. 2 to the Minister of Health Order no. 1033 / 2011 approving the methodological norms for setting up, maintaining and using the Ministry of Health Reserve and the Nomenclature of medicinal products, serums, vaccines, disinfectants, insecticides, medical devices and other specific materials ("<b>Order no. 1033/2011</b>")</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 744/2020 supplementing Annex no. 2 to the Order no. 1033/2011</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 963/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1033/2011</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1371/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1033/2011</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1550/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1033/2011</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1731/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1033/2011</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2017/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1033/2011</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                   | Healthcare services providers, producers and distributors of medicinal products, medical devices and equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                       | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                    | The reserve of the Ministry of Health is intended to provide medical interventions in cases of unusual accumulation of cases and collective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                                                                 | <p>emergency situations impacting public health. The reserve includes medicines, serums, vaccines, disinfectants, insecticides, medical devices and other specific materials.</p> <p>The enactments add new items on the reserve list and significantly supplements the quantities for some of the existing items.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                 | Starting with April 8, 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>28. Temporary amendment of rules regarding donations to healthcare units</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 615/2020 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 1032/2011 approving the Norms regarding donations of medicinal products, sanitary materials, medical devices, vaccines, serums and related consumables</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2020 on regulating certain measures, starting with May 15, 2020, in the context of the epidemiological situation determined by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, for prolonging of some terms, for amending and supplementing Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, Law no. 1/2011 on national education, as well as other normative acts</p> <p>Order 2237/2020 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 1032/2011 approving the Norms regarding donations of medicinal products, sanitary materials, medical devices, vaccines, serums and related consumables</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                 | Producers and distributors of medical equipment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                  | <p>During the pandemic, the following donations are also accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• donations of medicinal products that are used in the treatment of SARS-CoV-2 infections approved for marketing only in states outside the European Economic Area;</li> <li>• donations of medical devices necessary for preventing and fighting the spread of and for treating the SARS-CoV-2 infections endorsed/approved by the entities referred under section VII hereof.</li> </ul> <p>Healthcare units, social assistance and medical-social assistance units, as well as public institutions and authorities may receive the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                                                  | <p>following donations in the form of gifts (Romanian “<i>dar manual</i>”) medicinal products, sanitary materials, medical devices, vaccines, serums, reagents and related consumables, as well as other goods and services, with the endorsement of ANMDM, regardless of their value.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health may accept donations of medicines, sanitary materials, medical devices, vaccines, serums and related consumables, as well as medical equipment intended for use in the health units that have a closed-circuit pharmacy, in the social assistance unit or in a non-governmental organization that has authorized medical staff (doctor or pharmacist), for other health units or for vaccination centres, to be distributed to them and used for the provision of medical services.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                  | For the duration of the pandemic, respectively for the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                     | This measure derogates from the general rules applicable to donations of medicinal products and medical devices according to which such donations are limited to (i) the medicinal products approved for marketing in the European Economic Area or in the United States of America and (ii) medical devices approved by ANMDMR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>29. Inclusion in Canamed of new medicinal products for COVID-19 treatment</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                 | Ministry of Health Order 1165/2020 for the approval of the maximum prices of medicines for human use, valid in Romania, which can be used / marketed by marketing authorization holders of medicines or their representatives, wholesale distributors and providers of medical services and medicines for those medicines that are the object of a contractual relationship with the Ministry of Health, the health insurance houses and / or the public health directorates of the county and of the municipality of Bucharest, included in the National Catalogue of prices of medicines authorized for marketing in Romania, of innovative reference prices, with all the subsequent amendments                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                  | Providers and distributors of medicinal products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                      | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                   | The enactment approves the maximum prices of medicines for human use, valid in Romania, that can be used / marketed by marketing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                                                                      | <p>authorization holders of medicines or their representatives, wholesale distributors and providers of medical services and medicines for those medicines that are subject to a contractual relationship with the Ministry of Health, the healthcare insurance houses and / or the public health directorates of the county and of Bucharest, included in Canamed.</p> <p>The enactment also approves the prices of generic and innovative medicines.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                      | June 26, 2020 – July 1, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>30. Procedure for collecting plasma from cured COVID patients</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                     | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 654/2020 approving the Methodology for the collection, testing, processing, storage and distribution of plasma from the donor cured by COVID-19 and the monitored use for critically ill patients with COVID-19 in ICU (“<b>Order no. 654/2020</b>”)</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1474/2020 amending the annex to the Order no. 654/2020</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1789/2020 amending the annex to the Order no. 654/2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                      | Healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                                                          | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>                                                       | <p>The Order regulates a methodology of transfer of plasma from potential donors who will be selected among patients who have been hospitalized for COVID-19, confirmed by positive RT-PCR testing, cured and discharged after negative RT-PCR testing.</p> <p>COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation is voluntary and unpaid. Blood transfusion centres will conclude collaboration protocols with hospitals treating COVID-19 patients in order to identify cured patients, potential donors, in compliance with national and EU rules on personal data protection, by signing the patient’s informed consent.</p> <p>The methodology includes rules on (i) the donor’s eligibility, (ii) collection, processing and storing of plasma, (iii) testing of the donor’s plasma, (iv) distribution of donor plasma and (v) using the donor’s</p> |

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|                                                                            | plasma to critical COVID-19 patients in intensive care units.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                            | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>31. Health institutions' attributions with respect to COVID testing</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                           | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 807/2020 for establishing the attributions in the testing activity for detecting the SARS-CoV-2 virus infection at the level of some units subordinated to the Ministry of Health (“<b>Order no. 807/2020</b>”)</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 978/2020 amending Order no. 807/2020</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1226/2020 amending Order no. 807/2020</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 366/2021 amending Order no. 807/2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                            | Public health authorities, healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>                                                             | <p>The National Institute of Public Health coordinates and monitors at national level the entire sampling and testing activity for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 virus infection, collects all data on test results, being the institution authorized to report official data to the Ministry of Health and other national and international authorities.</p> <p>Public health directorates coordinate the collection and transport of samples taken to laboratories, in accordance with their maximum testing capacity and the number of pending samples.</p> <p>Healthcare units are responsible for taking samples for the patients admitted to them, as well as for their own medical staff. Also, public or private healthcare units have the obligation to organize collection centres for asymptomatic persons included in the Test Prioritization Recommendations for COVID19, in which case they are responsible for procuring the necessary harvesters for sampling.</p> <p>Residential care and assistance centres for the elderly, residential centres for children and adults, with and without disabilities, as well as for other vulnerable categories have the obligation to organize sampling from care staff and institutionalized persons, with their own medical staff employed / contracted; the transport of the samples to the laboratory will be carried out by the DSP which will also provide</p> |



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|                                                           | <p>harvesters.</p> <p>The samples will be collected by the representatives of the county public health directorates and of the Bucharest municipality, for contacts from outbreaks and confirmed cases.</p> <p>Harvesting samples will be performed by the Ambulance service of the county or of the Bucharest municipality, in the case of symptomatic persons in domicile isolation, and of other symptomatic persons identified by the relevant personnel, including symptomatic pregnant women and recommended persons who cannot go to the harvesting centres.</p> <p>Healthcare units that have a laboratory with test capacity for COVID-19 type RT-PCR, included or not in the National Program for surveillance and control of priority communicable diseases, will perform the analysis of the samples collected in their own laboratory.</p> <p>Healthcare units that do not have a laboratory with test capacity for COVID-19 type RT-PCR will request DSP to take samples and transport them to another laboratory included in the National Program for Surveillance and Control of Priority Communicable Diseases.</p> <p>In order to ensure that all samples are processed in maximum 24 hours, the public health directorates will contact, with priority, in order to send the samples, the nearest laboratory in the public network. Where the nearest laboratory in the public network has exceeded the testing capacity, the public health directorates will address the nearest private laboratory. If the laboratories have exceeded the testing capacity, the public health directorates will contact the National Institute of Public Health to be assigned to another laboratory included in the program, so that all samples are processed in maximum 24 hours.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>32. Supplementing the national dialysis regulation</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                          | Ministry of Health Order no. 1356/2020 supplementing the Regulation for organization and functioning of public and private dialysis units, approved by Ministry of Health Order no. 1718/2004 (“ <b>Order no. 1356/2020</b> ”)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                     | Ministry of Health Order no. 2162/2020 amending article II of Order no. 1356/2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Subjects</b>                     | Dialysis services providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type</b>                         | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>                      | <p>The temporary transport of dialyzed patients may be performed for a duration of up to 12 weeks, with the possibility of automatic extension during the state of alert.</p> <p>Dialysis sessions can be monitored at a distance by the nephrologist who is isolated at his domicile. Also, where there is personnel deficit, a smaller number of assistants may be used per shift, respectively one post for five apparatuses per shift.</p> <p>The duration of dialysis session may be decreased until 3.5 hours and the frequency can be reduced from three per week to two per week.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Duration</b>                     | July 31, 2020 – December 31, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>33. Obligation to wear masks</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Enactment</b>                    | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Government Decision no. 35/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with February 12, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 874/2020 instituting the obligation to wear protection masks, epidemiological separation and mandatory disinfection of hands for the prevention of contamination with SARS-CoV-2 virus during the state of alert</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 192/2020 amending Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for preventing and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 23/2021 amending Ministry of Health Order no. 874/2020 instituting the obligation to wear protection masks, epidemiological separation and mandatory disinfection of hands for the prevention of contamination with SARS-CoV-2 virus</p> |

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|                                                                     | during the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                     | Private persons, employees, public servants, businesses etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                         | Restriction measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                                                      | <p>In closed public spaces, in the means of transportation and at the workplace, wearing protection masks is mandatory. Exceptions are regulated for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) employees who are alone in the office;</li> <li>(ii) persons who have issues with oxygen levels;</li> <li>(iii) persons who do intense physical activity and/or work in demanding conditions (i.e., high temperatures);</li> <li>(iv) TV hosts and guests, with respecting a distance of 3 meters;</li> <li>(v) children under 5 years of age.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                     | For the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>34. New rules for accreditation of healthcare units</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                    | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 80/2020 amending and supplementing some measures in healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                     | Healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                         | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                                                      | <p>In order for healthcare units to be evaluated for obtaining accreditation, healthcare units must organize a healthcare services quality management department, in which at least one medic must be employed. Healthcare units must implement this measure within one year since the entry into force of the enactment.</p> <p>The personnel in these departments must have followed quality management courses.</p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                     | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>35. Prolongation of the accreditation cycle due to pandemics</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                    | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 80/2020 amending and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                                | supplementing some measures in healthcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                | Healthcare service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                    | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                 | During situations like pandemics, disasters, catastrophes, the accreditation cycle for healthcare units can be extended beyond the regular duration of 5 years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>36. Legislation regarding measures taken to combat epidemiological risk</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                               | <p>Law no. 136/2020 instituting measures in the field of public healthcare in situations of epidemiological risk</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 180/2020 amending and supplementing Law no. 136/2020 (“<b>GEO no. 180/2020</b>”)</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1822/2020 on the implementation of the provisions of article IV paragraphs (2) and (5) of GEO no. 180/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 209/2020 amending article IV paragraph (6) of the GEO no. 180/2020, of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 158/2005 regarding the social health security leave and indenisations, as well as for establishing measures regarding the awarding of medical leave and for the regulation of some measures in healthcare caused by the evolution of the spread of infections determined by the SAS-CoV-2 virus</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                | General application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                    | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                 | The Law no. 136/2020 regulates the conditions in which measures can be taken in the case of epidemiological situations. Such measures are quarantine and isolation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>37. Specific measures taken to combat the spread of COVID-19</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                               | Ministry of Health Order no. 1309/2020 on the way of applying the measures for preventing and limiting SARS-CoV-2 sickness (“ <b>Order</b> ”)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                 | no. 1309/2020")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Subjects</b> | Natural persons, public institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>     | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>Quarantine is imposed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persons who entered into direct contact with at least one person with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 diagnosis;</li> <li>• persons who arrive from countries and/or zones with high epidemiological risk, as established by law.</li> </ul> <p>Quarantined persons will stay at their domicile or in spaces specifically designated by the authorities.</p> <p>Area quarantine is imposed on a locality if the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a rising trend in the past 14 days;</li> <li>• an infection rate of over 3 cases per 1,000 inhabitants;</li> <li>• the weight of majority of cases as against closed communities;</li> <li>• the weight of the population of 65 years old, both in the locality and in the rural areas of the county;</li> <li>• insufficient sanitary personnel as against the number of confirmed cases, insufficient equipment;</li> <li>• over 90% occupation of beds, including intensive-care units;</li> <li>• the population is not compliant with domicile isolation measures.</li> </ul> <p>Additional criteria to help taking the area quarantine decision are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the existence of family doctors who will be responsible with contacting and monitoring patients who are isolated at their domicile;</li> <li>• the existence of a pharmacy and of a commercial centre for provisioning of medicines and foods;</li> <li>• if the locality is crossed by a national road;</li> </ul> |

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|                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if there is enough police force for enforcement of the rules;</li> <li>• the evaluation of the COVID-19 hospital from an occupancy perspective, equipment stocks, number of medical personnel.</li> </ul> <p>The National Institute for Public Health approves area quarantine proposed by the public health departments after analysis of the local situation and then sends it to the General County Council for Emergency Situations. An evaluation of the necessity of maintaining the measure will be made after 14 days since instituting it.</p> <p>Isolation is imposed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persons diagnosed with COVID-19;</li> <li>• persons with symptoms of COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p>Persons may be isolated in healthcare units designated by the Ministry of Health or in buffer zones of other hospitals until virus confirmation, in alternative locations attached to a medical unit, or at the patient's domicile or in a declared location.</p> <p>Isolation is instituted based on consent of the person. If the person refuses, the relevant doctor informs the relevant healthcare department.</p> <p>The periods of quarantine and isolation are periods benefitting from medical leave.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>38. Plans for applying public healthcare measures in COVID-19 epidemiological risk</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                          | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1513/2020 approving the plans regarding the means of application by the county public healthcare directorates and that of the Municipality of Bucharest, by the National Institute of Public Health, as well as by healthcare units of measures in the public health in epidemiological risk situation of infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus ("<b>Order no. 1513/2020</b>")</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2239/2020 amending annex no. 3 to the Order no. 1513/2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                           | Public healthcare directorates, the National Institute of Public Health,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                                                                          | providers of healthcare services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                                                              | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                                                           | <p>Three plans are adopted, applicable for (i) the public healthcare directorates, (ii) the National Institute of Public Health and (iii) the healthcare units.</p> <p>The plans establish (i) the steps to be taken when there is insufficient personnel, (ii) what needs to be done while waiting for COVID-19 virus confirmation, (iii) the confirmed positive patients' route and separation according to the severity of the illness, (iv) transfer criteria for patients.</p>               |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                          | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>39. Free masks</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                         | Law no. 146/2020 on granting masks for the protection of Romanian citizens from the COVID-19 virus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                          | Natural persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                              | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>                                                           | <p>The law grants 30 masks monthly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• persons who benefit from social aid;</li> <li>• persons who benefit from family support allowances;</li> <li>• pensioners with pensions below or equal to RON 1,000; and</li> <li>• persons with handicap whose sole income comes from social services.</li> </ul> <p>The Romanian State acquires through Unifarm S.A. the requisite masks mainly from local producers, with funds from the State budget.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                          | Until the end of the pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>40. Paediatric care during COVID-19 in Bucharest and its vicinity</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                         | Order no. 1628/2020 for ensuring hospital paediatric medical care in optimal conditions during the alert state, in the context of the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Subjects</b>                           | Healthcare providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type</b>                               | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Content</b>                            | The enactment provides which hospitals treat which kinds of paediatric cases during the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Duration</b>                           | For the duration of the state of alert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>41. Healthcare measures in schools</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Enactment</b>                          | Order 93/2021 for the approval of the measures for organizing the activity within the educational units / institutions in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of SARS-CoV-2 virus diseases                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>                           | Education institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Type</b>                               | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Content</b>                            | The enactment lays down the procedure and mandatory measures for the prevention and control of SARS-CoV-2 virus diseases to be applied in pre-university / related educational establishments / educational institutions, in order to ensure the right to education and the right to health for primary beneficiaries of the right at school, students and staff in the national education system. |
| <b>Duration</b>                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>42. COVID-19 information flow</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Enactment</b>                          | Ministry of Health Order no. 1829/2020 approving the information flow used in reporting SARS-CoV-2 virus infection data (“ <b>Order no. 1829/2020</b> ”)<br><br>Ministry of Health Order no. 1886/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1829/2020<br><br>Ministry of Health Order no. 2240/2020 amending and supplementing Order no. 1829/2020                                                 |
| <b>Subjects</b>                           | Public authorities, health care providers, laboratories                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type</b>                               | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Content</b>                            | For collecting information on COVID-19, the Ministry of Health uses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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|                                                                                  | <p>the Corona Forms application. The users of the data within Corona Forms application are: (i) the Ministry of Health, (ii) the National Institute of Public Health, (iii) the county and Bucharest public health directorates, (iv) the laboratories that perform RT-PCR testing and testing using rapid antigen tests, as well as (v) the sanitary units with beds that care for COVID-19 patients.</p> <p>Laboratories, healthcare units, the county healthcare directorates have to fill COVID-19-related information in the application.</p>                                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>43. Preventing COVID-19 in childcare and adults with disabilities centres</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                 | Ministry of Health Order no. 1808/2020 approving the Methodological Guide for the prevention of COVID-19 infection in social services for children and social services for adults with disabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                  | Public and private social service providers, beneficiaries - children, adults with disabilities, service staff and parents / legal representatives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                      | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                   | <p>The guide institutes such measures as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• designation of a person responsible for the coordination of activities for the prevention and control (CAPC) of SARS-CoV-2 infection;</li> <li>• adopting measures for ensuring physical distancing;</li> <li>• general hygiene measures;</li> <li>• information, education, monitoring and support / advice to staff;</li> <li>• establishing a system of supervising inmates health at every level;</li> <li>• specific measures for child day-care centres;</li> <li>• specific measures for centres for persons with disabilities.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| <b>44. Public health jobs occupied without a contest</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Enactment</b>                                         | <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Emergency Ordinance no. 186/2020 establishing some urgent measures to ensure that the necessary doctors are available for the duration of the epidemiological risk generated by the COVID-19 pandemic and for the amendment of Article 11 from Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 905/2020 for the approval of the Methodology regarding the occupation, without competition, of vacant or temporarily vacant positions within the Ministry of Health and units subordinated, coordinated and under the authority of the Ministry of Health, including public executive and management positions, for a determined period, in the context of establishment alert status on the territory of Romania, according to art. 11 of Law no. 55/2020 on some measures to prevent and combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (“<b>Order no. 905/2020</b>”)</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 1839/2020 amending Order no. 905/2020</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                          | Natural persons, public institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                              | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Content</b>                                           | <p>During the state of alert, vacant or temporarily vacant posts within the Ministry of Health and units subordinated and coordinated by the Ministry of Health, including public executive and management positions, may be filled by appointment, without competition, of civil servants or contract staff who meet the employment requirements established in the job description and in the normative acts specific to the field of activity, applicable to the category of staff with which the vacancy is provided to be filled, and the criteria provided by the specific professional statutes. The appointment within the own apparatus of the Ministry of Health is made by order of the Minister of Health and ceases by right within 30 days from the date of cessation of the state of alert.</p> <p>The appointment within the units subordinated or under the coordination of the Ministry of Health is made by administrative act of the head of the institution or of the employing unit, within the</p>                                                                                                                 |

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|                                                            | maximum number of positions approved by the main authorizing officer through the list of positions and ceases by right in no later than 30 days from the date of cessation of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Duration</b>                                            | For the duration of the state of alert and 30 days following the cessation of the same                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>45. Resident doctors to help in the COVID-19 crisis</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                           | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 197/2020 on certain measures in the field of healthcare to prevent and combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                            | Resident doctors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type</b>                                                | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Content</b>                                             | <p>During the state of alert, resident physicians, regardless of the year of residency training, and physicians practicing limited skills provide investigations and treatment for patients suspected and confirmed with COVID-19, based on the Protocol on Investigations and Differentiated Treatment by Stages of COVID-19 disease, approved by the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Public Health, as well as based on the indications of specialist doctors in whose coordination they carry out their activity.</p> <p>Physicians resident in these conditions may issue referral tickets for clinical specialties, referral tickets for paraclinical investigations and medical prescriptions for drugs with or without personal contribution in outpatient treatment, supported from the budget of the Single National Health Insurance Fund, exclusively for assistance medical patients suspected and confirmed with COVID-19.</p> <p>The enactment also establishes the conditions in which the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students of the General Medicine Faculties and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students of the Nurses Faculties volunteer to help the healthcare units treating COVID-19 patients.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                            | For the duration of the state of alert. In case of the volunteering student, for the duration of the state of alert and 30 days following the cessation of the same                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>46. New committee for vaccination</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                               | <p>Decision of the Prime Minister no. 385/2020 on the establishment of the National Steering Committee on SARS-CoV-2 vaccination</p> <p>Decision of the Prime Minister no. 422/2020 amending article 1 of the Decision of the Prime Minister no. 385/2020 on the establishment of the National Steering Committee on SARS-CoV-2 vaccination</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                | Public institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                    | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Content</b>                                 | <p>The National Coordinating Committee for activities on vaccination against SARS-CoV-2 is set up as an inter-ministerial body without legal personality, subordinated to the General Secretariat of the Government and coordinated by the Prime Minister. The role of the Committee is to organize and coordinate activities on SARS-CoV-2 vaccination.</p> <p>The Committee's activities are organized in 3 priority areas: (i) communication, (ii) logistics and (iii) medical activity - actual vaccination and monitoring of adverse reactions.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>47. Strategy for population vaccination</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>                               | <p>Government Decision no. 1031/2020 approving the vaccination strategy against COVID-19 in Romania</p> <p>Government Decision no. 1091/2020 amending article 2 of the Government Decision no. 1031/2020 approving the vaccination strategy against COVID-19 in Romania</p> <p>Government Decision no. 12/2021 amending and supplementing Government Decision no. 1031/2020 approving the vaccination strategy against COVID-19 in Romania</p>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                | General application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                    | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Content</b>                                 | The vaccination strategy against COVID-19 in Romania establishes the vision, principles and mode of action for the administration in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                                         | <p>Romania of vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency.</p> <p>The key elements in the vaccination strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) general principles regarding the organization of vaccination against COVID-19 in Romania;</li> <li>(ii) general principles for the communication strategy;</li> <li>(iii) the legal framework - national and European;</li> <li>(iv) the stages of vaccination against COVID-19 in Romania;</li> <li>(v) storage and distribution network;</li> <li>(vi) monitoring vaccine coverage, safety and efficacy.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>                         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>48. COVID-19 vaccination centres</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                        | <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 2171/2020 establishing the Norms on the authorization, organising and functioning of the vaccination centres against COVID-19</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order no. 10/2021 amending and supplementing Ministry of Health Order no. 2171/2020 establishing the Norms on the authorization, organising and functioning of the vaccination centres against COVID-19</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Subjects</b>                         | Vaccination service providers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type</b>                             | Regulatory measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                          | <p>The vaccination centres are spaces with specific destination that observe the Norms. The vaccination centres would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) fixed vaccination centres;</li> <li>(ii) mobile vaccination teams;</li> <li>(iii) drive-through vaccination centres for the large cities;</li> <li>(iv) centres at the level of family physicians' cabinets.</li> </ul> <p>The enactment includes rules for the management, functioning, provisioning and authorising of the vaccination centres.</p>                                                                    |

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| <b>Duration</b>                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>49. Risk incentive for medical staff</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                            | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 43/2020 approving support measures settled by European funds, as a result of spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, during the emergency state (“GEO no. 43/2020”)</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 18/2021 amending and supplementing Article 8 of the GEO no. 43/2020 (“GEO no. 18/2021”)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Subjects</b>                             | Medical staff and employers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                 | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>                              | <p>Doctors, medical staff, paramedical staff, including auxiliary staff, directly involved in the transport, equipping, examination, diagnosis and treatment of patients infected with COVID-19 will receive a monthly risk incentive of RON 2,500 gross, payable from the salary fund of the employer unit, through transfers from the budget of the National Health Fund or the state budget (as the case).</p> <p>Such personnel who carried out their activity in a legal form other than on the basis of an individual employment contract and who worked during the state of emergency in family doctors’ offices, medical analysis laboratories, medical imaging laboratories, specialized ambulatory centres, dental offices that have a contractual relationship with health insurance houses and who had patients suspected or confirmed with COVID-19 in evidence or under treatment, or if the staff was confirmed with COVID-19 following the activity carried out, the risk incentive is granted from the income of the medical office.</p> <p>Within 30 days from the date of entering into force of the GEO no. 18/2021, detailed provisions for the implementation of the provisions of Article 8 referring to the personnel mentioned above will be drafted and approved through an order issued by the Minister of Health.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                             | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## VIII. EMPLOYMENT

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| <b>50. State subsidized leave for parents with children in school</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                      | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 147 as of August 28, 2020 on granting parents days off to supervise children when in-person teaching activities are limited or suspended by schools and early childhood education units, following the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (“GEO 147/2020”), approved with amendments and supplements by Law no. 278/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 182/2020 completing GEO 147/2020, as well as the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 132/2020 on support measures for employees and employers in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, as well as for stimulating employment growth</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 198/2020 completing GEO 147/2020</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 220/2020 on the application of social protection measures after January 1, 2021 in the context of the spread of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus</p> <p>Law 59/2021 approving Government Emergency Ordinance no. 198/2020 for completing GEO 147/2020, as well as article 6 of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 132/2020 on support measures for employees and employers in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, as well as for stimulating employment growth</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                       | <p>The employers and their relevant employees who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) they have children up to 12 years of age enrolled in an education institution (in case of children with disabilities, the age limit is extended to 26);</li> <li>(ii) the other parent does not benefit from days off, or, as the case may be, the parent requesting the granting of days off is in one of the situations provided in article 3 of Law no. 277/2010 on the allowance for family support, i.e., the parent is not married, the parent is a widow, the parent is divorced, etc.;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                 | <p>(iii) the relevant job does not enable the parent to work from home.</p> <p>This law is also applicable to the legal representative of a child or to the person designated by law to exercise the relevant parental rights and obligations.</p> <p>This law will not be applicable to the parents that have their employment contract suspended due to the reduced / interrupted activity of the company.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>GEO 147/2020 enables one parent/sole parent to request and receive personal days in order to supervise their children during the suspension of school activity.</p> <p>The daily salary to be paid to parents benefiting from this law amounts to 75 per cent of their corresponding salary per 1 day of work, within the limits of the daily correspondent of 75 per cent of the gross medium salary used for the purpose of the state social insurance budget.</p> <p>The salary for personal days is to be paid from the employers' personnel expenses budget and to be recovered from the Romanian State.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration</b> | <p>The provisions of GEO 147/2020 are valid for:</p> <p>(i) the entire period of limitation or suspension of courses; or</p> <p>(ii) the entire state of alert and after its termination, but no later than the completion of the courses for the school year 2020-2021.</p> <p>In cases when partially or fully remote learning scenarios have been established, the number of days off, respectively the duration of the measure will be determined according to the period provided:</p> <p>(i) within the decision of the county committee for emergency situations / of the Bucharest Municipality Committee for Emergency Situations, at the proposal of the board of directors of the pre-school education / early education unit, based on the epidemiological criterion regarding the cumulative incidence</p> |



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|                                                                         | <p>rate at the locality level;</p> <p>(ii) within the decision of the management of the educational unit, in case the limitation or suspension of the activities that involve the effective presence of the children in the educational unit is established as a result of the illness in the pre-school education / early education unit.</p>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>51. Work from home / telework during the state of alert</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                        | <p>Law no. 55 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Law no. 296/2020 amending and completing the Fiscal Code</p> <p>Government Decision no. 293/2021 for the prolongation of the state of alert starting with March 14, 2021, as well as for setting the measures that apply during the same for preventing and fighting the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                            |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                         | All employees working for private legal entities/public institutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                                                             | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                                                          | <p>During the current state of alert, the employers will order employees to work either via telework, or via work from home, if the specifics of their activity allow this manner of performing their activity.</p> <p>The employers may grant to employees up to RON 400 (approximately EUR 80) for utility expenses (electricity, heating, water and data subscription), office furniture and equipment purchases. This amount is exempted from income tax and social contributions.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                         | For the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                            | Compliance with health & safety regulations must still be ensured in case of work from home and teleworking, there being no derogation for the same.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>52. Validity of the collective labour agreements during COVID-19</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                        | Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                      | Employers and employees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Content</b>                                                                                       | All collective labour agreements will maintain their validity during the state of alert and for a period of 90 days from the date the state of alert ends.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                      | For the duration of the state of alert and for 90 days from the date the state of alert ends.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>53. Incentives granted by the state during the temporary reduction / interruption of activity</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                     | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 30/2020 on the amendment and completion of several enactments and establishing certain measures in the field of social protection in the context of the current epidemic situation determined by the spreading of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 33/2020 on the amendment and completion of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 30/2020 on the amendment and completion of several enactments and establishing certain measures in the field of social protection in the context of the current epidemic situation determined by the spreading of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 53/2020 on the amendment and completion of several enactments regarding social protection measures determined by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 211/2020 on the prolongation of certain measures in the field of social protection in the context of the current epidemic situation determined by the spreading of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, as well as for the amendment of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 132/2020 regarding support measures employees and employers in the context of the current epidemic situation determined by the spreading of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, as well as for stimulate employment growth</p> <p>Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures for the prevention of and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                      | The businesses entitled to this incentive are the ones which reduce or                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                               | interrupt their activity due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Type</b>                   | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                | <p>During the current state of alert, the companies who reduce / interrupt their activity due to the COVID-19 crisis will be entitled to receive from the Romanian state an indemnity equal to 75 per cent of the base salary of the affected employees but no more than 75 per cent of the gross medium salary for 2020.</p> <p>The employer is obliged to pay the indemnity to the employee within maximum 3 working days as of receiving the corresponding amount from the Romanian state.</p> <p>In case the employer's budget allotted to personnel expenses allows so, the indemnity which is reimbursed by the state can be supplemented with the difference up to 75 per cent of the base salary provided under the Labor Code for technical unemployment.</p> <p>The indemnity paid to the employee cannot be subject to any garnishment (forced execution procedure) during the time it is granted. Such interdiction measure ceases within 60 days as of the termination of the state of alert.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>               | Until June 30, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>54. Kurzarbeit measure</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>              | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 132/2020 on support measures for employees and employers in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, as well as for stimulating employment growth, approved with amendments and supplements by Law no. 282/2020</p> <p>Government Decision no. 1046/2020 for supplementing the Government Decision no. 719/2020 for the approval of the settlement and payment procedure of the amounts paid based on the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 132/2020 on support measures for employees and employers in the context of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, as well as for stimulating employment growth</p> <p>Law no. 58/2021 for approving the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 211/2020 and amendment of Government Emergency Ordinance 132/2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Subjects</b> | Employers and employees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>In case of temporary activity reduction due to the state of emergency/alert/siege, as well as for a period of up to 3 months from the end of the last period on which such state was established, the employers can reduce employees' working time by a maximum of 80% of the daily, weekly or monthly duration provided in individual employment agreements. Employers have to obtain the consent of the trade union or, as case may be, employee representatives prior to the reduction of the working duration.</p> <p>The reduction of working time is established via the decision of the employer for a period of at least five working days, while the same are also obliged to establish the work schedule for the entire month. This measure also applies to work in shifts and the unequal work programme. Employees affected by the measure receive an allowance of 75% of the difference between the gross base salary established as per the individual employment agreement and the gross base salary for the hours actually worked as a result of the reduction in working time. In addition, it is expressly provided that the employer may supplement the Kurzarbeit allowance with sums representing the difference up to the base salary corresponding to the position held. The 75% allowance is in addition to the due salary entitlements, calculated for the actual time worked.</p> <p>In order for companies to access the Kurzarbeit measure, the same need to meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the measure of reducing the working time shall affect at least 10% of the number of employees of the unit;</li> <li>• the reduction in activity to be justified by a decrease in turnover in the month preceding the application of such measure or, at most, in the month before the month preceding its application, by at least 10% compared to the same month or the monthly average turnover of the year preceding the establishment of the state of emergency / alert / siege, respectively 2019; however, for newly established companies (between January 1, 2020 and March 15, 2020), the reduction of</li> </ul> |

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|                 | the activity shall be justified by a decrease of the company's turnover by at least 10% compared to the previous month in which the working time is actually reduced. |
| <b>Duration</b> | Until June 30, 2021.                                                                                                                                                  |

## IX. TAX MEASURES

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| <b>55. Extension of legal deadlines for restructuring of the outstanding budgetary obligations</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                   | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending Government Ordinance no. 6/2019 on the establishment of certain tax facilities), as subsequently amended by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field                                                                       |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                    | Private or public legal persons, except for public institutions and administrative-territorial units                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                        | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                     | The person which as of December 31, 2020 had outstanding budgetary obligations can notify the Romanian authorities of their intention to have these obligations restructured for a period until September 30, 2021. The request must be submitted until January 31, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                    | This measure will be time barred if relevant steps are not undertaken respectively until September 30, 2021 and January 31, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                                                       | The budgetary obligations referred to comprise the obligations to pay any amount that corresponds to the general consolidated budget, individualized in enforceable titles issued according to the law. For the purpose of this measure, the budgetary obligations declared by the debtor or established by the competent fiscal body by decision after January 1, 2021, but related to the fiscal periods up to December 31, 2020, as well as the principal budgetary obligations due between March 21, 2020 and December 31, 2020, are also considered. |
| <b>56. Suspension or non-commencement of enforcement measures</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                   | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 181/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                                        | <p>Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code), as subsequently amended by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field</p>              |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                        | Natural and legal persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type</b>                                                            | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>                                                         | Enforcement measures by way of garnishment of budgetary debts are suspended or shall not be commenced, for the amounts subject to simplified payment instalment as envisaged in Section 64 below, provided that they do not concern criminal matters (in which case the enforcement measures shall continue).                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                        | The provisions are applicable until January 31, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>57. The refund of value added tax subject to subsequent control</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                       | <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending Government Emergency Ordinance no. 48/2020 on certain financial and fiscal measures)</p> <p>Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                        | Legal persons registered for value added tax ("VAT") purposes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Type</b>                                                            | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>                                                         | The tax inspection regarding VAT refunds shall be performed subsequent to the payment of such refund to taxpayers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                        | These provisions are applicable until January 31, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b>                                           | There are several cases where the tax inspection will be performed before the refunds take place, such as when the inspection had                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                                                                      | already been initiated, when the taxpayer has recorded in the tax record facts which are sanctioned as criminal offenses or when there is a risk of undue reimbursement.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>58. No tax benefits for allowances paid from the state budget</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                     | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending Government Emergency Ordinance no. 48/2020 on certain financial and fiscal measures)                                                                                                  |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                      | Natural persons benefitting from technical unemployment allowances and state subsidized leave for parents with children in school                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Type</b>                                                          | Restrictive measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>                                                       | Technical unemployment allowances and state subsidized leave for parents with children in school are not subject to the tax benefits that would normally be incurred, such as income tax exemption, reduction of the share of social security contributions or exemption from the social health insurance contribution, applicable for certain categories of employees.               |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                      | The provisions are applicable until June 30, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>59. Tax exemption for Hospitality Industry</b>                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                     | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms, as subsequently amended by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                      | Legal persons subject to specific turnover tax under Law no. 170/2016 regarding the tax specific to certain activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>                                                          | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Content</b>                                                       | Hotels, restaurants or bars operators are exempted from the payment of specific turnover tax owed for a period of 90 days starting with April 1, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| <b>Duration</b>                                                                    | These provisions are only applicable with regard to the year 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>60. Exemption from income tax and contributions for certain salary benefits</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                   | Law no. 296/2020 for the amendment and completion of Law no. 227/2015 regarding the Fiscal Code                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                    | Natural persons who earn income from salaries and assimilated to salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                        | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                     | Advantages in kind earned by individuals as a result of holding positions considered by the employer/income payer to be essential for the performance of the activity and who are in preventive isolation at work or in specially dedicated areas where the access of outside persons is restricted is not considered taxable income and is not included in the monthly basis for calculating social security contributions. |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                    | The provision is applicable starting with January 1, 2021, for the duration of the state of alert.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>61. Sponsorship of public institutions</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                   | Emergency Government Ordinance no. 48/2020 on certain financial and fiscal measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                    | Public institutions and authorities, including specialized bodies of public administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                        | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                     | Public institutions may benefit from sponsorship contracts concluded with taxpayers subject to turnover tax, without the obligation to register the respective beneficiary entities in the Register of entities/religious units for which tax deductions are granted.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                    | These provisions are applicable starting with April 16, 2020.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>62. Tax amnesty</b>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                   | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                                                                           | <p>certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending Government Emergency Ordinance no. 69/2020 for the amendment and completion of Law no. 227/2015 on the Fiscal Code, as well as for the establishment of fiscal measures), as subsequently amended by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field</p>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                           | Natural and legal persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Type</b>                                                               | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                                                            | <p>Taxpayers having outstanding budget obligations as of March 31, 2020, can request the cancellation of the accessories related to the same, provided that they pay the principal by January 31, 2022 and submit a request in this regard by the same date.</p> <p>Nonetheless, on the date of submission of the request, all the relevant tax returns will have to be submitted and all the main obligations and accessories with payment terms subsequent to March 31, 2020 will have to be extinguished.</p>                                               |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                           | These provisions are applicable until January 31, 2022.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>63. Teleworking utilities, epidemiological testing and vaccination</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                          | Law no. 296/2020 for the amendment and completion of Law no. 227/2015 regarding the Fiscal Code                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                           | Natural persons earning income from salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                               | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                                                            | <p>The amounts granted to employees who carry out teleworking activities in order to support their expenses with utilities (such as electricity, heating, water and data subscription) and the purchase of office furniture and equipment, are not subject to income tax and social security contributions, provided that the same are granted within a monthly threshold of RON 400.</p> <p>Likewise, the amounts granted for covering the costs of epidemiological testing and/or vaccination of employees are not taxable, irrespective of their value.</p> |

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| <b>Duration</b>                          | These provisions are applicable starting with January 1, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>64. Simplified payment instalment</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                         | Government Emergency Ordinance no. 226/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms (amending Government Emergency Ordinance no. 181/2020 on certain fiscal-budgetary measures and for the modification and completion of certain normative acts and the extension of certain terms), as subsequently amended by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 19/2021 on certain fiscal measures, as well as for the modification and completion of certain normative acts in the fiscal field                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>                          | Natural and legal persons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                              | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>                           | <p>Taxpayers can access the simplified payment instalment, for a period of up to 12 months, for the main and ancillary tax obligations amounting more than RON 500, in the case of natural persons, and RON 5,000, in the case of legal persons, due after the date of declaration of the state of emergency (i.e., March 16, 2020), provided that they meet the following cumulative conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to submit an application by January 31, 2022 inclusively;</li> <li>(ii) not to register any outstanding fiscal obligations as of March 16, 2020, which have not been extinguished by the date of issuance of the tax attestation certificate;</li> <li>(iii) not to be under insolvency law liability and/or joint liability;</li> <li>(iv) not to be in bankruptcy proceedings or dissolution;</li> <li>(v) to submit all fiscal statements until the date of issuance of the fiscal attestation certificate.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>                          | These provisions are applicable starting with January 1, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## X. BANKING

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| <b>65. Simplifying the reporting to the Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority ("ASF")</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                              | Instructions no. 3/2020 issued by ASF concerning the transmission of the reports and of other documents in electronic format to the Financial Supervision Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                               | All the entities regulated and/or authorized and or supervised by ASF, as well as any other natural or legal persons listed in the ASF's registries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                   | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                | All correspondence, reports, annual/quarterly situations, information and other documents to be sent by the entities or natural persons mentioned above to ASF during the period of the application of the exceptional measures generated by the COVID-19 crisis should be sent only in electronic format or through the relevant electronic application, as the case may be. |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                               | Until December 31, 2021, according to the Instructions no. 6/2020, issued by ASF, for the extension of the term provided in article 5, paragraph 2 of ASF Instructions no. 3/2020 concerning the transmission of reports and other documents in electronic format to the Financial Supervision Authority.                                                                     |
| <b>66. The European Bank Authority's recommendations with respect to forbearance measures</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                              | Communication from the European Bank Authority ("EBA") dated March 20, 2020 entitled " <i>Statement on the application of the prudential framework regarding Default, Forbearance and IFRS9 in light of COVID-19 measures</i> "                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                               | EU Member States                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                   | Framework for support measures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                | EBA opines that public and private moratoria, as a response to COVID-19 epidemic, to the extent they are not borrower specific but rather addressed to broad ranges of product classes or customers, do not have to be automatically classified as forbearance measures, as                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                                                      | <p>for IFRS9 and the definition of default.</p> <p>EBA recommends the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) defaults do not have to happen until 90 days past due on material credit obligation, providing sufficient time to restructure the loans where necessary;</li> <li>(ii) loans can be renegotiated in a way that the financial position of the lender does not diminish;</li> <li>(iii) the measures that governments and credit institutions are proposing to address the adverse system economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic would not automatically lead to a reclassification under the definition of forbearance.</li> </ul> <p>As a matter of principle, EBA recommends careful assessment based on risk-based approach automatism in classification.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                      | No specific duration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>67. EBA's recommendations and proposals with respect to supervisory measures in the COVID-19 pandemic context</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                                     | EBA's statement on additional supervisory measures in the COVID-19 pandemic, dated April 22, 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                                      | EU Member States                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                          | Recommendations and proposals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                                       | <p>EBA pleads for a pragmatic and effective supervisory review and evaluation process ("SREP") of credit institutions for the 2020 exercise, which should imply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) risk-driven supervisory assessment, focused on the most material risks and vulnerabilities entailed by the crisis;</li> <li>(ii) a supervisory focus on the ability of institutions to respond to current challenges, including operational continuity.</li> </ul> <p>The importance of efficient recovery planning is also highlighted, the recommendations being the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) recovery plans should be kept and updated regularly and on an ad-hoc basis, in order to be implemented timely and</li> </ul>                     |

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|                 | <p>effectively if necessary;</p> <p>(ii) prompt information of the institutions and competent authorities with respect to any sign of deterioration in the institutions' financial situation and business viability, which might require the activation of their recovery plans;</p> <p>(iii) institutions should analyze how the COVID-19 stress might evolve for their institution and estimate their overall recovery capacities for liquidity and capital.</p> <p>EBA also recommends the implementation of operations relief measures for institutions, more precisely the possibility to submit only key elements of their recovery plans in 2020 to the competent authorities and to defer the submission of other parts of the plans until the following assessment cycle.</p> <p>Last, but not least, EBA draws the attention to the importance of effective measures in relation to digital operational resilience of institutions, in the context of financial institutions providing most of their services online.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | No specific duration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## XI. OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEASURES

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| <b>68. State guarantees</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Enactment</b>            | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 29/2020 on certain economic, fiscal and budgetary measures (amending Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium-sized enterprises “<i>IMM INVEST ROMÂNIA</i>”)</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020 amending and supplementing the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium-sized enterprises – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”, and approving the State aid scheme for supporting the activity of Small and medium-sized enterprises in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 48/2020 on certain financial-fiscal measures</p> <p>Law no. 75/2020 on the approval of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020 for the amendment and completion of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”, as well as for the approval of the State Aid Scheme for supporting the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 98/2020 for the extension of the entry into force of certain provisions of Law no. 75/2020 on the approval of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 42/2020 for the amendment and completion of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises - <i>SME INVEST ROMANIA</i>, as well as for the approval of the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic - Published in the Official Gazette number 503 from June 12, 2020</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 143/2020 amending the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises and Small Enterprises with Medium Market Capitalization – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”,</p> |

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|                 | <p>as well as for amending and supplementing the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the pandemic COVID-19, approved by art. II of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 42/2020</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 16/2021 amending and supplementing Emergency Government Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium-sized enterprises with medium market capitalization "IMM INVEST ROMÂNIA" as well as amending and supplementing the State aid scheme for sustaining the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, approved by article II of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Subjects</b> | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>As of March 2021, the program (the "<b>Program</b>") is aimed at granting guaranteeing facilities by the State transparently and on a non-discriminatory basis for the loans awarded to SMEs with medium market capitalizations (as beneficiaries) by credit institutions.</p> <p>Also, the Program includes the Sub-Program for the support of SMEs AGRO IMM INVEST with a market capitalization, in the field of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and the food sector, which aims to provide guarantee facilities by the State in a transparent and non - discriminatory manner for loans.</p> <p>The Program consists of granting state guarantees to each beneficiary for one of the following categories of loans:</p> <p>(i) one or more credits for investments and/or one or more credits/lines of credit for working capital, guaranteed by the State, through the Ministry of Public Finance, at a maximum of 80 percent of the value of the financing, excluding interest, commissions and bank charges related to secured credit; the maximum cumulative value of State guaranteed financing that can be granted to a beneficiary within this facility is RON 10,000,000; the maximum value of the credits/lines of credit for financing the working capital granted to a beneficiary cannot exceed RON 5,000,000; for investment loans, the maximum</p> |



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|                     | <p>value of the financing is RON 10,000,000; each type of loan has limits related to specific criteria; or</p> <p>(ii) one or more credits/lines of credit for financing working capital, excluding interest, commissions and bank charges related to the State guaranteed credit, up to a maximum of 90 percent granted to a micro-enterprise or small enterprise, with a maximum value of RON 500,000 for micro-enterprises respectively maximum RON 1,000,000 for small businesses; each type of loan has limits related to specific criteria.</p> <p>The Ministry of Public Finance grants interest on credits/credit lines for financing working capital and investment credits for both point (i) and (ii).</p> <p>For the credits intended for the beneficiaries who carry out their activity in the field of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and the food sector the Ministry of Finance subsidizes the value of the risk commission, the administration commission and the interests in percentage of 100 percent, as well as the non-reimbursable component in value of maximum 10 percent applied to the value of guaranteed financing, from the state budget.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>     | <p>The period for granting the interest payment grant is 8 months from the date of granting the loan.</p> <p>The maximum duration of financing is 72 months in the case of investment loans and 36 months in the case of credits/lines of credit for working capital. The credits/lines of credit for working capital can be extended by a maximum of 36 months.</p> <p>In the case of investment credits granted to eligible beneficiaries in the field of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and the food sector, at the beginning of the lending period, credit institutions may grant at the request of the beneficiaries, a grace period of maximum 24 months for the repayment of the principal, and the repayment of loans may be made in at least two installments per year.</p> <p>In the case of investment loans granted to eligible beneficiaries from the other fields of activity, credit institutions may grant, at the beginning of the crediting period, upon request, a grace period of up to 18 months for the repayment of the principal.</p>                                                                                                                |
| <b>MPR Partners</b> | For more details on the State aid scheme and the Methodological                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Comments</b>  | Norms adopted for the implementation of the measures please see below.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Enactment</b> | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020 ("EGO no. 42/2020") amending and supplementing the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 ("EGO no. 110/2017") on the support program for Small and medium enterprises– "IMM INVEST ROMANIA", as well as for approving the State aid scheme for supporting the activity of Small and medium-sized enterprises in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>Law no. 75/2020 on the approval of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020 amending and supplementing Emergency Government Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium enterprises– "IMM INVEST ROMANIA", as well as for approving the State aid scheme for supporting the activity of Small and medium-sized enterprises in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance 143/2020 amending the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises and Small Enterprises with Medium Market Capitalization – "IMM INVEST ROMANIA", as well as for amending and supplementing the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the pandemic COVID-19, approved by article II of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 42/2020</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 16/2021 amending and supplementing Emergency Government Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium-sized enterprises with medium market capitalization "IMM INVEST ROMÂNIA" as well as amending and supplementing the State aid scheme for sustaining the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, approved by article II of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 42/2020</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Type</b>      | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>   | In furtherance to EGO no. 29/2020 and in line with the Temporary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Framework (please see paragraph 81), Romania approved via EGO no. 42/2020 a State aid scheme providing support facilities for SMEs with medium market capitalization which are affected by the COVID-18 outbreak, as follows.

The aid can be awarded to any SMEs in any activity sector, (save for the ones declared non-eligible as per EGO no. 110/2017), provided that they fulfil all the relevant eligibility criteria provided in EGO no. 110/2017 and EGO no. 42/2020, as further amended and supplemented.

The budget of the scheme is RON 1,832 million (roughly EUR 376.3 million) and the estimated number of beneficiaries is 58,987. In 2021, the cap level for the guarantees provided below is RON 15 billion (roughly EUR 3 billion), while the cap level for the guarantees to be granted for the AGRO IMM-INVEST subprogram is RON 1 billion (roughly EUR 204 million).

#### **1. State guarantees for loans**

Romania provides State guarantees via the Minister of Public Finance for the following types of loans:

- (i) one or more investment loans/credit lines, and/or one or more working capital loans/credit lines, of up to 80 percent of the financing value, excluding interest, commissions and bank charges related to the guarantee loan; the maximum cumulative value of the State guaranteed financing, which may be granted to a beneficiary within this facility is RON 5,000,000 for working capital loans/credit lines or RON 10,000,000 for investment loans; each type of loan has limits related to specific criteria;
- (ii) or one or more working capital loans/credit lines, excluding interest, commissions and bank charges related to the guarantee loan, of up to 90 percent, granted to a micro-enterprise (up to RON 500,000), or a small enterprise (up to RON 1,000,000); each type of loan has limits related to specific criteria.

For the loans described in points (i), and (ii), the Ministry of Public Finance subsidizes 100 percent of the interest on credits/lines of credit for financing working capital and loans for investments per

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|                              | <p>cent from the budget of the Ministry of Public Finance under an aid scheme state/<i>de minimis</i> associated with this program.</p> <p>The maximum duration for the financing of investment credits is 72 months (without extension possibilities) while the maximum duration of credits/credit lines for the financing of working capital is 36 months. The extension of the of the credits/credit lines for financing working capital can be made for a period of maximum 36 months.</p> <p><b>2. Direct grants</b></p> <p>In addition to state guarantees, Romania provides to the small and medium-sized enterprises which contracted one of the loans at points (i) and (ii) above a grant within the limit of the cumulative result between the value of the risk commission, the management commission, related to the guarantee granted and the interest related to the credits/lines of loans, but not more than the equivalent in RON of EUR 800,000 per beneficiary.</p> <p>Grants awarded to SMEs in the AGRO IMM Invest subprogram also include a non-reimbursable component of a maximum of 10% of the financing amount, provided that it falls within the scope of the EUR 120,000 threshold for each undertaking operating in the fisheries and aquaculture sector or EUR 100,000 for each undertaking operating in the field of production of primary agricultural products, respectively EUR 800,000 for undertakings in the sector food.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | <p>The duration of the scheme, namely, the period comprised of the selection of the beneficiaries and the issuance of letters of guarantee/financing agreements commenced with the date of entry into force of EGO no. 42/2020 and lasted until December 31, 2020.</p> <p>The period for carrying out the grant payment starts from the date of entry into force of EGO no. 42/2020 and lasts until October 31, 2021, with the possibility of extension.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | <p>The initial State aid scheme was notified to the European Commission which issued the decision of April 10, 2020 in case SA.56895 (2020/N) – Romania COVID-19: Support scheme for SMEs.</p> <p>The European Commission thus decided not to raise objections to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                  | <p>the aid on the grounds that it is compatible with the internal market.</p> <p>The first amendments of the scheme were notified to the European Commission, which issued the decision C(2020) 5555 final of August 7, 2020 in case SA.57572 (2020/N) deciding not to raise objections.</p> <p>The second amendments of the scheme (including an extension until June 31, 2021) were notified to the European Commission, which issued the decision C(2020) 9633 final of December 23, 2020 in case SA.60236 (2020/N) deciding not to raise objections.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Enactment</b> | <p>Methodological Norms for the application of EGO no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and medium-sized enterprises – <i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>, approved by Government Decision no. 282/2020</p> <p>Government Decision no. 326/2020 amending and supplementing Government Decision no. 282/2020 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of EGO no. 110/2017 on the support program for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises – <i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i></p> <p>Government Decision no. 458/2020 amending the Methodological Norms for the application of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”, approved by Government Decision no. 282/2020</p> <p>Government Decision no. 778/2020 amending and supplementing Government Decision no. 282/2020 for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”</p> <p>Government Decision no. 422/2021 amending and supplementing the Methodological Norms for the application of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 110/2017 on the Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises – “<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>”, approved by Government Decision no. 282/2020</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs, small enterprises with medium market capitalization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Content</b> | <p>The enactment provides the manner of implementation as well as the conditions for the award of the aid, monitoring and settlement of the filings for the payment of State guarantees and grants provided in the State aid scheme described above.</p> <p>The State aid scheme is implemented by the Ministry for Public Finance through the National Fund for Credit Guarantees for Small and Medium Enterprises (in Romanian “FNGCIMM”).</p> <p>The maximum duration for the financing of investment credits is 72 months while the maximum duration of credits/credit lines for the financing of working capital is 36 months. The extension of the of the credits/credit lines for financing working capital is possible for a period of maximum 36 months starting with the maturity date provided in the initial contract, provided that the reimbursement of the credit will be made in monthly rates or based on a reimbursement graphic.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria are also detailed therein for both the credit institutions as well as for the potential beneficiaries.</p> <p>The award of the State guarantees shall be carried out based on conventions concluded between FNGCIMM and credit institutions.</p> <p>Further amendments have been made regarding the implementation of the State aid scheme (e.g., explanations regarding the conditions under which the State covers the interest, along with the risk and management fees related to the credits), as well amendments on a number of relevant definitions.</p> <p>According to further amendments, the “AGRO IMM INVEST” Subprogram is introduced within the implementation of the above-mentioned scheme.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance also grants the non-reimbursable component up to a maximum of 10% applied to the amount of the guaranteed financing granted to beneficiaries under the “AGRO IMM INVEST” Subprogram. The aid covers the payment of interest due by the beneficiaries of the “IMM INVEST” Program and/or of the “AGRO IMM INVEST” Subprogram for a period of 8 months from the date of granting the loan, the full amount of the administration fee and the full risk fee due upon the duration of the</p> |

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|                  | <p>guaranteed credit, as well as the non-reimbursable component in the amount of maximum 10% applied to the value of the guaranteed financing, granted to the beneficiaries within the "AGRO IMM INVEST" Subprogram.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Duration</b>  | <p>The duration is determined by the allocation by the Ministry for Public Finance of the cap level of State guarantees.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b> | <p>Order of the Ministry for Public Finance no. 1886/2020 on the approval of the financial mechanism for transferring the amounts related to grants due to beneficiaries under the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic from the budget of the Ministry of Public Finance - General actions to the National Fund of Credit Guarantees for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises - SA - IFN, on the approval of the template of the Convention on the implementation of the support program for small and medium-sized enterprises <i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>, along with the template of the Convention for guaranteeing and payment of grants, the template for the guarantee contract and for the relevant document, as well as for establishing the level of risk fee and the management fee for 2020</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 2803/2020 amending and supplementing the Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 1886/2020 on approving the financial mechanism for the transfer of amounts related to grants due to beneficiaries under the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic from the Ministry of Public Finance - General actions to the National Fund Credit Guarantee for Small and Medium Enterprises - SA - IFN, of the model of the Convention on the implementation of the Support Program for small and medium enterprises "<i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>", of the model of the Convention for guaranteeing and payment of grants, of the guarantee contract, of the document, as well as for establishing the level of risk commission and the management fee for 2020</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 2068/2020 for the amendment and completion of annex no. 3 to the Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 1886/2020 on approving the financial mechanism for the transfer of amounts related to grants due to</p> |



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|                  | beneficiaries under the State Aid Scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic from the Ministry of Public Finance - General actions to the National Fund Credit Guarantee for Small and Medium Enterprises - SA - IFN, of the model of the Convention on the implementation of the Support Program for small and medium enterprises "IMM INVEST ROMANIA", of the model of the Convention for guaranteeing and payment of grants, of the guarantee contract, of the document, as well as for establishing the level of risk commission and the management fee for 2020                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs, small enterprises with medium market capitalization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>      | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Content</b>   | <p>The following documents/instruments are approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the financial mechanism for transferring the grants due to beneficiaries under the State aid scheme to support the activity of SMEs in the context of the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic from the budget of the Ministry of Public Finance towards FNGCIMM;</li> <li>(ii) the convention on the implementation of the support program for small and medium-sized enterprises <i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i>, concluded between the Ministry of Public Finance and FNGCIMM;</li> <li>(iii) the convention on guaranteeing and paying grants for the <i>IMM INVEST ROMANIA</i> Program, concluded between FNGCIMM and the relevant credit institutions.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>  | For the duration of the State aid scheme and within the limits described above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Enactment</b> | Order of the Ministry of Finance no. 441/2021 on establishing the level of the administration commission and the single analysis commission within the "New House" program, the administration commission and the risk commission within the Program for stimulating the purchase of new cars, of the administration commission and the risk commission within the Program for the support of small and medium enterprises and small enterprises with medium market capitalization - IMM Invest Romania, as well                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|                                                                              | as the management commission and the risk commission within the Program for the support of small and medium enterprises “ <i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i> ”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                              | SMEs, small enterprises with medium market capitalization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                  | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                                               | <p>For 2021, the administration commission for the guarantees granted within IMM Invest Romania, shall be set at 0.15 per cent per year, for the entire validity period of guarantees, calculated at the value / balance of the state guarantee.</p> <p>With regards to the guarantees granted by FNGCIMM, in the name and on behalf of the Romanian state, related to the guaranteed loans granted in 2021 within IMM Invest Romania, the risk commission shall be set at 0.25 per cent for the first year of guarantee, at 0.5 per cent for years 2 and 3 of guarantee, respectively at 1 per cent for years 4-6 of guarantee, applied to the value / balance of the State guarantee.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                              | Provided for 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>69. State aid in the form of subsidized loans and guarantees on loans</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                             | Decision of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Finance, Guarantees and Insurance no. 364/2020 for the approval of the Norm “ <i>EximBank Financing within the state aid scheme COVID-19</i> ” (NI-FIN-08-II / 0)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                              | SMEs (with a turnover exceeding RON 20,000,000 in 2019) or large enterprises                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                  | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                                                               | <p>The norm establishes a State aid scheme in the form of subsidized interest loans, with the aim of unblocking access to finance for companies facing a liquidity shortage generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure continuity in carrying out their activity. EximBank S.A. (“<i>Eximbank</i>”) grants aid in the form of loans with subsidized interest in RON for investments and / or for the support of the current activity.</p> <p>The estimated budget is RON 2 billion (i.e., approximately EUR 400 million) and will allow granting loans with subsidised interest for</p>                                                                                         |

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|  | <p>an estimated number of 100 beneficiaries.</p> <p>In order to apply aid, certain eligibility criteria must be met with regard to both the beneficiaries and the envisaged loans.</p> <p>The measures apply to the whole territory of Romania and are open to all sectors except the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) gambling and betting industries;</li> <li>(ii) manufacturing and distribution of weaponry, ammunition, explosives, tobacco, alcohol, substances under national control, herbs, narcotic and psychotropic substances and formulas;</li> <li>(iii) investigative and protection services;</li> <li>(iv) real estate transactions; and</li> <li>(v) financial intermediation and insurance.</li> </ul> <p>The maximum amount of a loan may not exceed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) twice the annual value of the beneficiary's salary expenses from 2019 (including social contributions and staff costs working at the company's offices, but which is officially on the payroll of the subcontractors) or for the last available years for companies incorporated after January 1, 2019, the maximum value of the loan will not exceed the estimated annual value of salary expenses for the first 2 years of activity; or</li> <li>(ii) 25 percent of the total turnover of the beneficiary in 2019; or</li> <li>(iii) the liquidity requirement estimated by the beneficiary for a period of 18 months (in the case of SMEs), respectively 12 months (in the case of large enterprises).</li> </ul> <p>The estimate may include costs related to both investment and working capital, based on the beneficiary 's own responsibility statement regarding liquidity needs.</p> <p>EximBank will grant loans for investment or working capital, charging an interest rate consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the base rate, represented by the 3-month Romanian</li> </ul> |
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|                              | <p>Interbank Offer Rate (“ROBOR”), reviewable quarterly; the minimum level of the base rate cannot fall during the entire crediting period below the level of 2.35 per cent;</p> <p>(ii) a credit risk margin, depending on the duration of the loan and the type of beneficiary, amounting between 0.25 per cent and 2 per cent.</p> <p>In the case of investment credits, the beneficiary’s own contribution and the loan granted may fully cover the value of the investment project. However, the beneficiary’s own contribution may not be less than 10 per cent of the total value of the investment project and will be used in full before the first drawdown.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | Loan contracts will be signed by June 30, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>MPR Partners Comments</b> | The measure was initially authorized by the European Commission by decision C(2020) 4565 final of July 1, 2020 in case SA.57408 (2020/N) – Romania. The extension of the measure until June 30, 2021 was approved by the European Commission by decision C(2020) 8917 final of December 8, 2020 in case SA.59798 (2020/N) – Romania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Enactment</b>             | Decision of the Inter-ministerial Committee on Finance, Guarantees and Insurance no. 365/2020 for the approval of the EximBank Guarantees Norm within the COVID-19 State Aid Scheme (NI-GAR-14-II / 0)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Subjects</b>              | SMEs and large undertakings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>                  | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Content</b>               | <p>The support measure is granted in the form of subsidized interest loans and credit guarantees (a guarantee scheme with a state aid component) and has as an objective to unblock the access to financing of the companies that face a liquidity deficit generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure the continuity in the development of their activity.</p> <p>The source of financing consists of the funds provided by the Ministry of Public Finance in accordance with the law and administered by EximBank.</p> <p>The budget of the Scheme has an amount of RON 2 billion (roughly</p>                                                                |

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|  | <p>EUR 400 million) which will allow the establishment of a portfolio of credit guarantees estimated at RON 6.5 billion (roughly EUR 1.5 billion), being intended for an estimated number of 325 beneficiaries.</p> <p>The state guarantees can be accessed by the beneficiaries who carry out their activity on the Romanian territory, from all the activity sectors, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the gambling and betting industry;</li> <li>(ii) production or trade of weapons, ammunition, explosives, tobacco, alcohol, substances under national control, plants, narcotic and psychotropic substances and preparations;</li> <li>(iii) investigation and protection activities;</li> <li>(iv) real estate transactions (construction / purchase of real estate for the purpose of sale / rental);</li> <li>(v) financial intermediation and insurance.</li> </ul> <p>Guarantees are granted to beneficiaries for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new loans;</li> <li>• loans in progress, to supplement the existing collateral guarantees, in order to maintain / increase the financing at a level that would allow the beneficiaries to continue the activity.</li> </ul> <p>The guarantee shall cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maximum 90 percent of the value of the loan (principal), in case of new loans;</li> <li>• maximum 50 percent of the value of the loan (principal), in case of ongoing loans.</li> </ul> <p>The value of the guarantee is reduced pro-rata as the beneficiary reimburses the loan, based on the information regarding the balance of the guaranteed loan sent monthly by the financing bank.</p> <p>The duration of the guarantee is equal to the duration of the guaranteed credit and may not exceed 6 years. The guarantee is</p> |
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| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                        | EximBank grants guarantees to the beneficiaries for which the financing bank submits the guarantee file until May 31, 2021 at the latest, and the granting of guarantees (signing of guarantee agreements) is done until June 30, 2021 at the latest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>70. Support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 174/2020 for the amendment and completion of certain enactments regulating the financial support activity from non-reimbursable external funds, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19</p> <p>Law no. 220/2020 for the approval of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 199/2020 for amending and supplementing the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                                                                                        | SMEs, authorized natural persons, individual medical offices, non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                                                                            | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                                                                                         | This enactment instates the general framework for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

of the crisis caused by COVID-19, for the beneficiaries mentioned above, whose activity has been affected by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or whose activity has been prohibited by military ordinances during the state of emergency or restricted during the state of alert.

The forms of support from non-reimbursable external funds provided are:

- (i) micro-grants granted from non-reimbursable external funds in the form of a lump sum; the micro-grants have a value of 2,000 euros and are granted only once, in the form of a lump sum;
- (ii) working capital grants awarded in the form of a lump sum and as a percentage of turnover;
- (iii) productive investments grants awarded from non-reimbursable external funds based on the evaluation of the submitted investment project.

SMEs are beneficiaries of the non-reimbursable external funds provided in letters (i) - (iii), while the authorized natural persons, the individual medical offices and NGOs can benefit from the non-reimbursable external funds provided in letter (i).

Beneficiaries of microgrants may use same to support expenses such as: expenses regarding the stocks of raw materials, materials, goods, as well as other categories of stocks necessary for the current / operational activity carried out by the beneficiaries; current and overdue debts to current suppliers, including to utility providers according to concluded contracts; expenses regarding the rent based on a concluded contract, etc.

The allocation of the working capital grant is based on a percentage of turnover, which is intended for SMEs whose activity has been affected by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or whose activity has been banned or reduced by military ordinances, during the state of emergency and / or during the state of alert. The value of the support is established as follows: (i) for SMEs with a turnover for 2019 between EUR 5,000 and EUR 13,500, the value of the grant is EUR 2,000 and (ii) for SMEs with a turnover for 2019 between EUR 13,501 and EUR 1,000,000, the value of the grant is of 15 per cent of the turnover and may not exceed the amount of EUR

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|                              | <p>150,000. For SMEs with a turnover equivalent to more than EUR 1 million, the maximum amount of the aid is EUR 150,000.</p> <p>Investment grants are intended for beneficiaries which implement investments in their current field of activity or in a different field of activity, necessary for: (i) the extension of the existing production capacities, as well as for the extension of the service capacities; (ii) the construction of new units of the existing production capacities, as well as for the construction of new units for the provision of services; (iii) the rehabilitation / modernization of the existing production units, as well as for the rehabilitation / modernization of new service units. Investment grants are awarded per project and beneficiary and have a value between EUR 50,000 and EUR 200,000, depending on the financing needs of the submitted investment projects. The investment grants do not include the own co-financing of the beneficiaries established as a percentage of at least 15 per cent of the value of the investment project requested for financing by the beneficiaries from less developed regions and 30 per cent of the value of the investment project requested for financing by the beneficiaries from Bucharest region. Ilfov.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | <p>Until December 31, 2020 (but subsequently amended so as to provide that the amendment and / or completion of the State aid scheme - Support for SMEs takes effect from the date of communication by the European Commission of the authorization decision.) Romanian authorities intend to extend the scheme until June 30, 2021</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | <p>The scheme was authorized by the European Commission in its decision C(2020) 5949 final of August 27, 2020 in file SA.58166 (2020/N) – Romania. Amendments were approved by decision C(2020) 9494 final of December 18, 2020 in case SA.59970 (2020/N) – Romania and decision C(2021) 479 final of January 22, 2021 in case SA.61231 (2021/N) – Romania. As per the decision of December 18, 2020, Romania intends to extend the validity period of the scheme, so that aid may be granted no later than 30 June 2021, rather than 31 December 2020.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b>             | <p>Order of the Minister of the European /Funds no. 1060/2020 for the approval of the State Aid Scheme - Support for SMEs in order to overcome the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                 | <p>pandemic</p> <p>Rectification of September 18, 2020 in the annex to the Order of the Minister of European Funds and of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 1060/2020 for the approval of the State aid scheme - Support for SMEs in order to overcome the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Investments and European Projects no. 1586/2020 for amending the State Aid Scheme - Support for SMEs in order to overcome the economic crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Subjects</b> | SMEs, authorized natural persons, individual medical offices as well as NGOs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>     | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Content</b>  | <p>This enactment is based on Emergency Government Ordinance 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds (“<b>EGO no. 130/2020</b>”) and instates the relevant State aid scheme.</p> <p>The measure provides aid in the form of direct grants, and is divided into three sub-measures, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) fixed amount micro-grants;</li> <li>(ii) grants for working capital in the form of a lump sum, based on a percentage of turnover; and</li> <li>(iii) grants for investments in productive activities.</li> </ul> <p>Sub-measures at letter (i) and (ii) may be used to support expenditure set out in the EGO no. 130/2020, including expenditure relating to stock necessary for the beneficiaries’ activity, payment of debts and rent, and expenditure on medical protective equipment. In the case of fixed amount micro-grants, aid is capped at the RON 8 equivalent of EUR 2 000 per beneficiary, grantable only once, in a single instalment, in the form of a unit cost.</p> <p>The maximum value of the fixed amount micro-grants is the</p> |



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|                              | <p>equivalent in lei of the amount of EUR 2,000 / beneficiary of state aid, grantable only once, in a single installment, in the form of a lump sum.</p> <p>Grants for working capital are calculated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for SMEs or NGOs active in the field of education, with a turnover for 2019 between the RON equivalent of EUR 5,000 and EUR 13,500, the grant is the RON equivalent of EUR 2,000;</li> <li>• for SMEs or NGOs active in the field of education, with a turnover for 2019 between the RON equivalent of EUR 13,501 and EUR 1,000,000, the grant is set at 15 per cent of turnover, and may not exceed the RON equivalent of EUR 150,000;</li> <li>• for SMEs or NGOs active in the field of education, with a turnover for 2019 over equivalent in RON of EUR 1 million, the maximum amount of aid is equivalent in RON to EUR 150,000.</li> </ul> <p>Grants for investments in productive activities are intended to implement investments necessary for: the extension of existing production and service provision capacities; the construction of new units for existing production capacities and the provision of services and the rehabilitation / modernization of existing production units and new service units. The maximum value of the aid is the equivalent in lei of the amount between EUR 50,000 and EUR 200,000.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | June 30, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>MPR Partners Comments</b> | The scheme was authorized by the European Commission in its decision C(2020) 5949 final of August 27, 2020 in file SA.58166 (2020/N) – Romania. Amendments were approved by decision C(2020) 9494 final of December 18, 2020 in case SA.59970 (2020/N) – Romania and decision C(2021) 479 final of January 22, 2021 in case SA.61231 (2021/N) – Romania.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>             | Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 2989/2020 regarding the approval of the Procedure for the implementation of the measure “ <i>Microgrants granted from non-reimbursable external funds</i> ” within the State aid scheme established by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                  | <p>non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism no. 3680/2020 amending the annex to the Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 2,989 / 2020 regarding the approval of the Procedure for the implementation of the measure <i>“Microgrants granted from non-reimbursable external funds”</i> within the state aid scheme established by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs, authorized natural persons, individual medical offices, NGOs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>      | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Content</b>   | <p>The Order establishes the framework for the implementation of the measure <i>“Microgrants granted from non-reimbursable external funds”</i> within the State aid scheme established by EGO no. 130/2020.</p> <p>The Order includes details on the beneficiaries, types of aid, the procedure for accessing the program, the verification and selection of beneficiaries, the monitoring and control of the beneficiaries as well as the recovery of aid, reporting, confidentiality, informing and publicity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Duration</b>  | The measure is valid until June 30, 2021 and the payments under the measure will be made until December 31, 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b> | Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 3083/2020 for the approval of the Procedure for the implementation of the measure <i>“Grants for working capital granted to SMEs”</i> within the State aid scheme established by the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                  | <p>as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism no. 3682/2020 on amending the annex to the Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 3,083 / 2020 for the approval of the Procedure for the implementation of the measure <i>“Grants for working capital granted to SMEs”</i> within the state aid scheme established by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Order of the Minister of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism no. 218/2021 on amending the Procedure for implementing the measure <i>“Grants for working capital granted to SMEs”</i> within the state aid scheme established by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds, approved by Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 3.083/2020</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Type</b>      | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Content</b>   | <p>The Order establishes the framework for the implementation of the measure <i>“Grants for working capital granted to SMEs”</i> within the State aid scheme established by EGO no. 130/2020.</p> <p>The Order includes details on the beneficiaries, types of aid, the procedure for accessing the program, the verification and selection of beneficiaries, the monitoring and control of the beneficiaries as well as the recovery of aid, reporting, confidentiality, informing and publicity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Duration</b>  | The measure is valid until June 30, 2021 and the payments under the measure will be made until December 31, 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Enactment</b> | Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                                                                        | <p>Environment no. 3396/2020 for the approval of the Procedure for implementing the measure "<i>Grants for investments granted to SMEs</i>" within the state aid scheme established by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Operational Program Competitiveness 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds</p> <p>Order of the Minister of the Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism no. 3679/2020 on completing the Procedure for implementing the measure "<i>Grants for investments granted to SMEs</i>" within the state aid scheme established by Government Emergency Ordinance no. 130/2020 on certain measures for granting financial support from non-reimbursable external funds, related to the Competitiveness Operational Program 2014-2020, in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as other measures in the field of European funds, approved by Order of the Minister of Economy, Energy and Business Environment no. 3396/2020.</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                        | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                            | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                         | <p>The Order establishes the framework for the implementation of the measure "<i>Grants for investments granted to SMEs</i>" within the State aid scheme established by EGO no. 130/2020.</p> <p>The Order includes details on the beneficiaries, types of aid, the procedure for accessing the program, the verification and selection of beneficiaries, the monitoring and control of the beneficiaries as well as the recovery of aid, reporting, confidentiality, informing and publicity.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                        | The measure is valid until June 30, 2021 and the payments under the measure will be made until December 31, 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>71. Support for the stimulation of investments with major impact in the economy</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                       | Government Decision no. 628/2020 on amending and supplementing Government Decision no. 807/2014 for the establishment of State aid schemes having as objective the stimulation of investments with major impact in the economy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                           | Companies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                               | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                            | <p>As per the latest amendments, the payment of the aid shall be made in 2015-2028.</p> <p>The budget of the scheme shall be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) commitment credits for the issuance of financing agreements for the period 2014-2023;</li> <li>(ii) budgetary credits for the payment of State aid for the period 2015-2028.</li> </ul> <p>The gross State aid intensity that an enterprise can benefit from in the period 2021-2023 in relation to the eligible expenses, is established by the regional maps approved by the European Commission for this period.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                           | Extension of the possibility to issue financing agreements of the same up to December 31, 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>72. Support for investments that promote regional development through job creation</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                          | Government Decision 598/2020 for the amendment and completion of the Government Decision no. 332/2014 on the establishment of a State aid scheme to support investments that promote regional development through job creation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                           | Companies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                               | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                            | <p>As per the latest amendments, the payment of the aid shall be made in 2015-2028 and the average annual budget of the same is RON 450 million (i.e., approximately EUR 100 million).</p> <p>The budget of the scheme shall be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) commitment credits for the issuance of financing agreements for the period 2014-2023;</li> <li>(ii) budgetary credits for the payment of State aid for the period</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                    | <p>2015-2028.</p> <p>The gross State aid intensity that an enterprise can benefit from in the period 2021-2023 in relation to the eligible expenses, is established by the regional maps approved by the European Commission for this period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Duration</b>                    | Extension of the possibility to issue financing agreements up to December 31, 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>73. Guarantees on factoring</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Enactment</b>                   | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 146/2020 regarding the SMEs FACTOR Program - Commercial credit guarantee product and the relevant State aid Scheme ("EGO 146/2020")</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 15/2021 amending Emergency Government Ordinance no. 146/2020 regarding the SMEs FACTOR Program - Commercial credit guarantee product and the relevant State aid Scheme</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Subjects</b>                    | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Type</b>                        | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                     | <p>The program consists of granting state guarantees in favor of each participant in the program for factoring with recourse financing, granted by the financier, based on invoices, within a renewable financing threshold, guaranteed by the State, through the Ministry of Public Finance, of maximum 50 percent of the value of the factoring financing granted by the financier to the eligible beneficiary, excluding interest, commissions and other expenses related to guaranteed financing with the possibility of extending the financing up to 3 times, for periods up to 12 months.</p> <p>The value of the guarantee threshold is maximum RON 5,000,000 per beneficiary, and the maximum value of a guarantee for a factoring facility, granted to the beneficiary for an assigned debtor, is maximum RON 750,000.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                    | Until June 30, 2021. The period of granting grants covering financing costs is 8 months from the date of granting funding, and the period of granting grants covering warranty costs is a maximum of 12 months from the date of granting the guarantee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>MPR Comments</b>                         | The aid was approved by the European Commission by its decision C(2020) 8349 final of November 23, 2020 in case SA.58462 (2020/N).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Enactment</b>                            | Government Decision no. 423/2021 approving the Methodological Norms for the implementation of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 146/2020 on the SMEs FACTOR Program - Commercial credit guarantee product and the relevant State aid Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Subjects</b>                             | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type</b>                                 | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                              | <p>The methodological norms regulate the following main aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the annual threshold of State guarantees, the mechanism and main conditions for granting, paying and recovery of the state guarantees; for 2021 the threshold is RON 1 billion;</li> <li>(ii) the conditions for granting the factoring facilities and the eligibility criteria for financiers; the validity period of the factoring facility is of maximum 12 months, with the possibility of extending the facility, of maximum 3 times, for periods of up to 12 months, without exceeding 48 months;</li> <li>(iii) the eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries of the program;</li> <li>(iv) the rules for managing the state guarantees issued in the name and on behalf of the state by the FNGCIMM, through the Ministry of Finance in favor of each beneficiary participating in the program;</li> <li>(v) the manner of awarding the grants provided in article 14 of the EGO no. 146/2020.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Duration</b>                             | Until June 30, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>74. Support for leasing of equipment</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Enactment</b>                            | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 118/2020 on the approval of the Support Program for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises "IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS"</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 138/2020 for amending and supplementing Emergency Government Ordinance no. 118/2020 on</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|                              | the approval of the Support Program for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises "IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Subjects</b>              | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type</b>                  | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Content</b>               | <p>The program consists of granting state guarantees in favor of each beneficiary participating in the program for leasing financing intended for purchase through financiers of new and/or second-hand movable goods, guaranteed by the state, through the Ministry of Public Finance, thus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a maximum of 80 percent of the value of the financing, excluding interest, commissions and other expenses related to the guaranteed financing, for the acquisition of IT equipment and information technology within a financial leasing operation;</li> <li>• a maximum of 60 per cent of the value of the financing, excluding interest, commissions and other expenses related to the guaranteed financing, for the purchase of technological machinery, vehicles for transporting goods and persons, used for commercial purposes in a financial leasing operation.</li> </ul> <p>The program is meant to encourage and stimulate the development of small and medium - sized enterprises and affiliated enterprises with at least 250 employees.</p> <p>The financing is intended to transfer the right of use over new and second-hand movable property to eligible beneficiaries who comply with the terms of the program and comply with the internal rules and procedures of the financiers and benefit from guarantees issued/granted by FNGCIMM, in the name and on behalf of the state, as an agent of the Ministry of Public Finance.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | Until December 31, 2020. As per information recently circulated in the press, the Romanian Government intends to extend the duration of this scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | For the moment, the support scheme does not enable new beneficiaries to enter the scheme, as the same was only applicable for agreements concluded until December 31, 2020 (it only enables beneficiaries who have already applied in 2020 to receive their                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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|                  | payments).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Enactment</b> | Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 2880/2020 on the approval of the financial mechanism for the transfer of the amounts related to the de minimis aid due to the beneficiaries within the de minimis aid scheme related to the Small and Medium Enterprises Support Program “ <i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i> ” from the budget of the Ministry of Public Finance - General actions to the National Credit Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises - SA - IFN, of the model of the Convention on the implementation of the “ <i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i> ” SME Support Program, of the model of the Convention for guaranteeing and payment the de minimis aid for the “ <i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i> ” SME Support Program, of the guarantee contract, of the document, as well as for establishing the level of the risk commission and of the administration commission for the year 2020 |
| <b>Subjects</b>  | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type</b>      | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>   | <p>The following documents/instruments are approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the financial mechanism for transferring the amounts related to the de minimis aid due to the beneficiaries within the de minimis aid scheme related to “<i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i>” SME Support Program from the budget of the Ministry of Public Finance - General actions to FNGCIMM;</li> <li>(ii) the convention on the implementation of the “<i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i>” SME Support Program, concluded between the Ministry of Public Finance and FNGCIMM;</li> <li>(iii) the convention on guaranteeing and paying the de minimis aid for the “<i>IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS</i>” SME Support SME Program, concluded between FNGCIMM and the financiers.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Duration</b>  | For the duration of the de minimis aid scheme and within the limits described above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <b>Enactment</b>       | Government Decision no. 423/2021 approving the Methodological Norms for the implementation of the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 146/2020 on the SMEs FACTOR Program - Commercial credit guarantee product and the relevant State aid Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Subjects</b>        | SMEs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Type</b>            | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>         | <p>The methodological norms regulate the following main aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the annual threshold of State guarantees, the mechanism and main conditions for granting, paying and recovery of the state guarantees; for 2021 the threshold is RON 1 billion;</li> <li>(ii) the conditions for granting the factoring facilities and the eligibility criteria for financiers; the validity period of the factoring facility is of maximum 12 months, with the possibility of extending the facility, of maximum 3 times, for periods of up to 12 months, without exceeding 48 months;</li> <li>(iii) the eligibility criteria for the beneficiaries of the program;</li> <li>(iv) the rules for managing the state guarantees issued in the name and on behalf of the state by the FNGCIMM, through the Ministry of Finance in favor of each beneficiary participating in the program;</li> <li>(v) the manner of awarding the grants provided in article 14 of the EGO no. 146/2020.</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>Duration</u></b> | Until June 30, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Enactment</b>       | Order of the Ministry of Finance no. 441/2021 establishing the level of the administration commission and the single analysis commission within the "New House" program, the administration commission and the risk commission within the Program for stimulating the purchase of new cars, of the administration commission and the risk commission within the Program for the support of small and medium enterprises and small enterprises with medium market capitalization - IMM Invest Romania, as well as the management commission and the risk commission within the Program for the support of small and medium enterprises "IMM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS"</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                                                                                   | SMEs, small enterprises with medium market capitalization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                                                                       | Implementation measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>For 2021, the administration commission for the guarantees granted within "IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT" is set at 0.15 per cent per year, for the entire validity period of the guarantees, calculated at the value / balance of the state guarantee.</p> <p>With regard to the guarantees granted by FNGCIMM, in the name and on behalf of the Romanian state, related to the guaranteed loans granted in 2021 within "IMM LEASING OF EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT", the risk commission is set at 0.25% for the first year of guarantee, at 0.5% for years 2 and 3 of guarantee, respectively at 1% for years 4-6 of guarantee, applied to the value / balance of the State guarantee.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>                                                                                                                                                   | Provided for 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>75. Financial support to enterprises in the field of tourism and public catering, whose activity has been affected in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 224/2020 on certain measures for providing financial support to enterprises in the field of tourism and public catering, whose activity has been affected in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Emergency Government Ordinance no. 10/2021 amending and supplementing the Emergency Government Ordinance no. 224/2020 on certain measures for providing financial support to tourism enterprises, accommodation structures, food structures and travel agencies, whose activity has been affected in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as on certain fiscal measures</p>                                                                   |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                                                                                                                                   | Travel agents, tourist guides, tourist reception structures with accommodation functions, catering structures (certain NACE codes apply)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Type</b>                                                                                                                                                       | Support measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Content</b>                                                                                                                                                    | The aid is granted to the beneficiaries in the form of grants in the amount of 20 per cent of the calculation base, resulting from the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                 | <p>development of the activities related to the relevant covered by the scheme, in 2020 compared to 2019, but not more than the RON equivalent of the amount of EUR 800,000 per company. Special rules apply regarding the calculation of the base (usually related to the turnover obtained by the company).</p> <p>The signing of the financing contract with the beneficiary is to be made by December 31, 2021, at the latest, while the payment of the amounts is made by June 30, 2022, at the latest.</p> <p>It is estimated that 73,211 companies will benefit from the aid, while the allocated budget is the RON equivalent of EUR 500,000,000.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | Valid until December 31, 2021 (payments to be made until June 30, 2022)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## XII. COMPETITION

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| <b>76. Enforcement of antitrust law at EU level</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                    | Communication from the Commission: Temporary Framework for assessing antitrust issues related to business cooperation in response to situations of urgency stemming from the current COVID-19 outbreak of April 8, 2020 C (2020) 3200 final                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                     | All companies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                                         | Framework for guidance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Content</b>                                      | <p>Within the context of the economic crisis triggered by the COVID-19 outbreak companies may need to cooperate in order to overcome or at least to mitigate the effects of the crisis to the benefit of citizens. However, this cooperation may entail potential antitrust concerns.</p> <p>In this respect, companies may cooperate in order to ensure the supply and adequate distribution of essential scarce products and services during the COVID-19 outbreak, including but not limited to medicines and medical equipment.</p> <p>In that sense, cooperation in the health sector might for instance be limited to entrusting a trade association / an independent advisor / independent service provider / a public body:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to coordinate joint transport for input materials;</li> <li>• to contribute to identifying those essential medicines for which, in view of forecasted production, there are risks of shortages;</li> <li>• to provide aggregate production and capacity information, without exchanging individual company information;</li> <li>• to work on a model to predict demand on a Member State level, and identifying supply gaps;</li> <li>• to share aggregate supply gap information, and request participating companies, on an individual basis and without sharing that information with competitors, to indicate whether they can fill the supply gap to meet demand (either through existing stocks or increase of production).</li> </ul> |

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|                              | <p>In particular, in the health sector companies may need to go further to address critical supply shortages. For example, there may be a need to extend to coordinating the reorganization of production so as to increase and optimize output so that not all firms focus on one or a few medicines, while other medicines remain in underproduction, where such re-organization would allow producers to satisfy demand for urgently needed medicines.</p> <p>Measures involving potential exchanges and coordination between undertakings would not be problematic under EU competition law provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the measures are objectively necessary to increase output in the most efficient way to address or avoid a shortage of supply of essential products or services, such as those that are used to treat COVID-19 patients;</li> <li>• the measures are temporary;</li> <li>• the measures do not exceed what is strictly necessary to achieve the objective of addressing or avoiding the shortage of supply.</li> </ul> <p>Companies should document all their exchanges and provide the same to the Commission, upon request.</p> <p>The Commission will provide guidance to companies and trade associations with respect to specific cooperation initiatives with an EU dimension, that need to be swiftly implemented in order to effectively tackle the COVID-19 outbreak. Such guidance may include, at the Commission discretion, an ad hoc “comfort” letter.</p> |
| <b>Duration</b>              | For an indefinite period, as of April 8, 2020 (applicable until it is withdrawn).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | The Directorate General for Competition within the Commission has already set up a dedicated webpage ( <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/coronavirus.html">https://ec.europa.eu/competition/antitrust/coronavirus.html</a> ) and a dedicated mailbox (COMP-COVID-ANTITRUST@ec.europa.eu) that can be used by companies to seek informal guidance on specific matters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>77. State aid</b>                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>85.1 Temporary Framework for State aid at EU level</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Enactment</b>                                          | <p>Communication from the European Commission: Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak of March 23, 2020, C(2020) 1863 final</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission: Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak of April 3, 2020, C (2020) 2215 final</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission: Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak of May 13, 2020, (2020/C 164/03)</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission: Third amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak of July 2, 2020 (2020/C 218/03)</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission 4th Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak and amendment to the Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to short-term export-credit insurance 2020/C 340 I/01 of October 13, 2020</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission Fifth Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak and amendment to the Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to short-term export-credit insurance 2021/C 34/06 of February 1, 2021</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                                           | EU Member States and State aid recipients                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Type</b>                                               | Framework for support measures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>                                            | In accordance with Article 107(3)(b) of the Treaty on the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  | <p>Functioning of the European Union (“TFEU”), the Commission may declare compatible with the internal market State aid “to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State”.</p> <p>The Temporary Framework is meant to allow Member States to support the economy by taking State aid measures that would otherwise be restricted, and which can be rapidly approved by the Commission after notification thereof, if they fulfil the necessary conditions.</p> <p>The Temporary sets out the following types of aid that Member States are allowed to grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited amounts of aid in the form of direct grants, tax advantages and advance payments; for urgent liquidity needs or other forms such as repayable advances, guarantees, loans and equity, provided the total nominal value of such measures should not exceed the overall cap of EUR 1,800,000 per undertaking; special conditions apply to undertakings in the agriculture, fishery and aquaculture sectors;</li> <li>• State guarantees for loans taken by companies from banks to cover immediate working capital and investment needs;</li> <li>• loans with favourable interest rates, for a limited period of time, to companies for covering immediate working capital and investment needs; additionally, subordinated debt, which is subordinated to ordinary senior creditors in the case of insolvency proceedings, may also be an appropriate, necessary and targeted solution during the current crisis;</li> <li>• guarantees and loans channeled through credit institutions or other financial institutions; certain safeguards may be introduced in relation to the possible indirect aid in favor of the credit institutions or other financial institutions to limit undue distortions to competition;</li> <li>• short-term export credit insurance due to a lack of sufficient private insurance capacity for short-term export credits in general, the Commission considers all commercial and political risks associated with exports to the countries listed in the Annex to the Short-term export-credit insurance Communication as non-marketable until December 31, 2021 (please see below for</li> </ul> |
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|  | <p>further detail);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aid for COVID-19 relevant research and development since it is essential to facilitate COVID-19 relevant research and development (R&amp;D) to address the current emergency health crisis; the aid is granted in the form of direct grants, repayable advances or tax advantages by December 31, 2021 and eligible costs may refer to all the costs necessary for the R&amp;D project during its duration;</li> <li>• investment aid for testing and upscaling infrastructures; the aid is granted for the construction or upgrade of testing and upscaling infrastructures required to develop, test and upscale, up to first industrial deployment prior to mass production, COVID-19 relevant medicinal products (including vaccines) and treatments, their intermediates, active pharmaceutical ingredients and raw materials; medical devices, hospital and medical equipment (including ventilators and protective clothing and equipment as well as diagnostic tools) and necessary raw materials; disinfectants and their intermediary products and raw chemical materials necessary for their production; as well as data collection/processing tools;</li> <li>• investment aid for the production of COVID-19 relevant products; this includes: relevant medicinal products (including vaccines) and treatments, their intermediates, active pharmaceutical ingredients and raw materials; medical devices, hospital and medical equipment (including ventilators, protective clothing and equipment as well as diagnostic tools) and necessary raw materials; disinfectants and their intermediary products and raw chemical materials necessary for their production; data collection/processing tools;</li> <li>• aid in form of deferrals of tax and/or of social security contributions; this may include aid schemes that consist in temporary deferrals of taxes or of social security contributions which apply to undertakings (including self-employed individuals) that are particularly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, for example in specific sectors, regions or of a certain size, but can also apply to fiscal and social security obligations intended to ease the liquidity constraints faced by the beneficiaries, included but not limited to the deferral of</li> </ul> |
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|  | <p>payments due in instalments, easier access to tax debt payment plans and of the granting of interest free periods, suspension of tax debt recovery, and expedited tax refunds;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aid in form of wage subsidies for employees to avoid lay-offs during the COVID-19 outbreak; this form of aid is granted to undertakings in specific sectors which have been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak;</li> <li>• recapitalization measures for non-financial undertakings; there are special conditions based on which Member States may provide public support in the form of equity and/or hybrid capital instruments to undertakings facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 outbreak; providing national public support in the form of equity and/or hybrid capital instruments, as part of schemes or in individual cases, should only be considered if no other appropriate solution can be found and the issuing of such instruments should be subject to stringent conditions because they are highly distortive for competition between undertakings such conditions are provided in detail and include: applicability, eligibility and entry conditions, types of recapitalization measures, amount, remuneration and exit of the State, governance and prevention of undue distortions of competition, exit strategy of the State from the participation resulting from the recapitalization and reporting obligations;</li> <li>• support for uncovered fixed costs of undertakings for which the COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the suspension or reduction of their business activity (a decline in turnover during the eligible period of at least 30 per cent compared to the same period in 2019); uncovered fixed costs are the fixed costs incurred by undertakings during the eligible period which are not covered by the profit contribution (i.e., revenues minus variable costs) during the same period and which are not covered by other sources, such as insurance, temporary aid measures covered by the Temporary Framework or support from other sources.</li> </ul> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States may notify to the Commission aid schemes to meet acute liquidity needs and support undertakings facing financial difficulties, also due to or aggravated by the COVID-</li> </ul> |
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|                              | <p>19 outbreak, based on Article 107(3)(c) TFEU;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member States may notify to the Commission aid measures to compensate undertakings in sectors that have been particularly hit by the outbreak (e.g., transport, tourism, culture, hospitality and retail) and/or organizers of cancelled events for damages suffered due to and directly caused by the outbreak, based on Article 107(2)(b) TFEU;</li> <li>• notification of alternative approaches (both aid schemes and individual measures) remains possible in accordance with the general State aid legislation;</li> <li>• Member States may also design support measures in line with Block Exemption Regulations without the involvement of the Commission.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Duration</b>              | Until December 31, 2021.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>MPR Partners comments</b> | <p>State aid represents a transfer of State resources which may selectively confer an economic advantage on their recipient.</p> <p>State aid is usually considered incompatible with normal market conditions and thus forbidden.</p> <p>However, facilities that are generally available to all businesses would not normally be deemed as State aid and would not be subject to relevant restrictions.</p> <p>For example, measures applicable to all businesses regarding wage subsidies, suspension of payments of corporate and value added taxes or social welfare contributions, or financial support directly to consumers for cancelled services or tickets not reimbursed by the concerned operators are not subject to the State aid legislation. Such measures are set out in the Commission's Communication on a Coordinated economic response to the COVID-19 outbreak of March 13, 2020.</p> <p>Moreover, State aid may be granted by Member States under certain conditions. To this end, the Member States are normally under the obligation to notify State aid measures to the European Commission and cannot implement such measures prior to EC authorization.</p> |

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|                                      | <p>However, aside from the provisions of the Temporary Framework, there are certain categories of aid which are exempted from the notification obligation such as the aid measures which fulfil the conditions of the General Block Exemption Regulation no. 651/2014 of June 17, 2014 in application of Article 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (e.g., aid to make good the damage caused by certain natural disasters) and the <i>de minimis</i> aid measures (aids granted to a company and not exceeding EUR 200,000 over any period of three years), provided by Commission Regulation no. 1407/2013 of December 18, 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to <i>de minimis</i> aid.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>85.2 Short term export credit</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Enactment</b>                     | <p>The amendment of March 27, 2020 of the Short-term export-credit insurance Communication 2012/C 392/01</p> <p>Communication from the European Commission of July 8, 2020 concerning the prolongation and the amendments of the Guidelines on Regional State Aid for 2014-2020, Guidelines on State Aid to Promote Risk Finance Investments, Guidelines on State Aid for Environmental Protection and Energy 2014-2020, Guidelines on State aid for rescuing and restructuring non-financial undertakings in difficulty, Communication on the Criteria for the Analysis of the Compatibility with the Internal Market of State Aid to Promote the Execution of Important Projects of Common European Interest, Communication from the Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation and Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to short-term export-credit insurance 2020/C 224/02</p> |
| <b>Subjects</b>                      | Member States, State aid recipients and State insurers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Type</b>                          | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Content</b>                       | <p>On March 27, 2020, the Commission has decided to temporarily remove all countries from the list of “<i>marketable risk</i>” countries under the Short-term export-credit insurance Communication.</p> <p>The amendment enforces the flexibility already introduced by the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                              | <p>Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak of March 19, 2020 with respect to the possibility by State insurers to provide insurance for short-term export-credit.</p> <p>Following this amendment, companies affected by the COVID-19 outbreak will be able to obtain short-term export-credit insurance from public insurers.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Duration</b>              | Until December 31, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>MPR Partners Comments</b> | <p>The export-credits enable foreign buyers of goods and/or services to defer payment. As a result of deferred payments, the sellers/exporters usually bear a significant risk, against which they insure themselves, typically with the private insurers (export credit insurance).</p> <p>In that sense, the Short-term export-credit insurance Communication (in force since 2013) provides that trade within 27 Member States and nine countries belonging to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, with a maximum risk period of up to two years, entails marketable risks and should, in principle, not be insured by the State or State supported insurers.</p> <p>The term “<i>Marketable risk</i>” refers to commercial and political risks with a maximum risk period of less than two years, on public and non-public buyers in the countries mentioned above. All other risks are considered non-marketable for the purposes of the Short-term export-credit insurance Communication.</p> |
| <b>Enactment</b>             | Decision of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Financing, Guarantees and Insurance no. 143 of March 26, 2021 on the approval of the Norm “ <i>Short term insurance, in the name and on the account of the State, for the risk of external non-payment, non-marketable risks and temporarily non-marketable risks in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic</i> ” (NI-ASR-07-X / 0)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Subjects</b>              | Exporters, insurers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Type</b>                  | Support measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Content</b>               | The norm establishes the terms and conditions based on which the Export-Import Bank of Romania (“ <b>EximBank</b> ”) carries out, in the name and on the account of the State, short-term export insurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|                 | <p>operations, by taking over the non-marketable risks, of temporarily non-marketable risks authorised based on Commission Decision C (2014) 5701 and Commission Decision C (2017) 679 and temporarily non-marketable risks in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>For the short-term export-credit insurance EximBank can conclude contracts, agreements, arrangement for insurance/co-insurance, based on the approval of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Financing, Guarantees and Insurance.</p> <p>For the insurance of the temporarily non-marketable risks in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic the budget is RON 25 million (roughly EUR 5 million) from the date when the norm enters into force until December 31, 2021.</p> <p>EximBank insures, in the name and on the account of the State, for a maximum period less than 2 years the receivables resulted from exports of goods and services against temporarily non-marketable risks.</p> <p>The insurance covers maximum 85 percent of the loss insured in the pre-delivery or post-delivery period, as a consequence of certain commercial or political risks.</p> <p>The enactment also provides eligibility criteria, the procedure for obtaining the insurance (documentation, analysis and approval of the insurance request, damages/reimbursement).</p> |
| <b>Duration</b> | Until December 31, 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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