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COVID-19 Logbook: Romanian Legal Updates – Day 61 - 14th May: Commercial

Developments related to COVID-19 are occurring rapidly. Wolf Theiss will continue to distribute regular Client Alerts via email and publish up-to-date analysis on our website. A list of daily updated resources can be found here: <https://www.wolftheiss.com/covid19/>

For today's newsletter we shall analyze the following:

- **Government Emergency Ordinance no. 66/2020 (GEO 66/2020)** on amending and supplementing Government Emergency Ordinance no. 47/2020 on conditions related to petroleum sales in context of the COVID-19 outbreak;
- **Government Emergency Ordinance no. 67/2020 (GEO 67/2020)** on amending certain normative acts and extending certain terms;
- **Ministry of Economy Order no. 1706/2020 on amending Order no. 791/2020** on the issuance of emergency status certificates to companies affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

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GASOLINE AND DIESEL TRADE

GEO 66/2020 brings some amendments to the regulations on the sale of petroleum products.

Specifically, **GEO 66/2020** establishes that sale of gasoline and/or diesel fuel without biofuel content is prohibited unless acquisition of such products is not possible due to market shortage and at the same time national refinery operators are using over 90% of their storage capacity.

Any written notification concerning this issue must be submitted within a maximum of five (5) days from the date on which the situation described above was first acknowledged by the economic operator. The notification must be accompanied by an affidavit on exceeding 90% of the storage capacity as well as any justifying documents addressing the difficulty of obtaining biofuel products on the market.

EMERGENCY SITUATION CERTIFICATES

Order no. 1706/2020 issued by the Ministry of Economy states that the *yellow-type* emergency status certificates will be issued for interested parties that had their income decrease by at least 25% during the months of March or April 2020 compared to the averages registered in January and February. Previously the order specified the 25% decrease applied only to the month of March.

Furthermore, **GEO 67/2020** redefines the emergency status certificates, as certificates issued in accordance with the methodology approved by the Ministry of Economy that constitute proof on either the 25% income decrease suffered by an economic operator during the months of March or April 2020, compared to January and February of the same year, or on the partial or total interruption of activity as a result of the local authorities decision.

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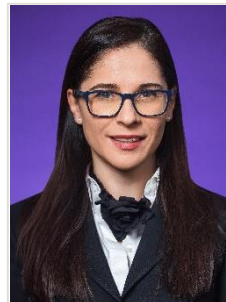


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