

## Competition - Romania

### Internal shake-up at Competition Council will sharpen enforcement

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A series of amendments to one of the fundamental working instruments of Romania's competition regime has recently entered into force. The Organization Functioning and Procedure Regulation, which has been in force since 2004, was amended by a regulation adopted by the Competition Council on March 17 2010.

The amending regulation makes significant modifications to the council's working structure. For instance, the operations of the council's two special divisions for industry and energy and for consumer goods and services continue to be coordinated by the respective directorates, but will also be overseen by a commission. The new body will be appointed by the chairperson of the council and will comprise one of his or her deputies and two members of the council. This organizational measure is expected to make competition enforcement more coherent and efficient at national level.

Furthermore, the amendments clarify the role of the council's commissions (ie, its internal working units) with regard to their broad spectrum of work. The most significant clarification concerns their role in the enforcement of penalties prescribed by the Competition Law (21/1996).

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