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Romania – The registration procedure for economic operators that introduce on the national market sustainable, reusable or plastic-free alternatives to certain plastic products

Order no. 2.002/2023 of the Ministry of the Environment, Waters and Forests entered into force at the end of September 2023. The Order concerns the approval of the registration procedure for economic operators that introduce on the national market sustainable, reusable or plastic-free alternatives to single-use plastic products, PET bottles containing recycled plastic and recycled plastic to be incorporated into PET bottles. We summarise some of the key aspects below:

Firstly, the registration procedure applies to economic operators that introduce the following products on the national market:

- sustainable, reusable alternatives or plastic-free alternatives to the single-use plastic products listed in Part A of the Annex to Government Ordinance no. 6/2021 regarding reducing the impact of certain plastic products on the environment;
- PET bottles containing recycled plastic;
- recycled plastic to be incorporated into PET bottles.

Secondly, the obligation to register applies both to operators that already carry out such an activity, as well as to those wishing to carry it out in the future. Both categories must be registered with the Environmental Fund Administration within 60

days of the date of the entry into force of this order or within 60 days of the date of the first market introduction of one of the products mentioned above. In other words, the deadline for those already carrying out such an activity is the end of November.

Thirdly, economic operators that introduce on the national market the products specified above in a) to c) must register with the AFM-APR Register. Regarding the procedure itself, the first step for submitting the application for registration in the AFM-APR Register electronically is to enrol in the e-tax platform managed by the Environment Fund Administration. The application for registration in the AFM-APR Register will be submitted there. Economic operators already enrolled in the e-tax platform can register with the AFM-APR Register by submitting an application for registration in the AFM-APR Register.

Lastly, it is important to know that the information provided will become public, as the Administration of the Environment Fund publishes a list of economic operators registered in the AFM-APR Register on its website in order to ensure public access to this information. The list will include, for each economic operator: name, unique registration code and the category of products introduced on the national market.

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