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**REGULATION (EC) 2017/1128 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
AS OF 14 JUNE 2017 ON THE CROSS-BORDER PORTABILITY OF ONLINE CONTENT
SERVICES IN THE INTERNAL MARKET**

In the Official Journal of the European Union was published the Regulation (EC) 2017/1128 of the European Parliament and of the Council as of 14 June 2017 on the cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market.

This regulation introduces a common union approach to the cross-border portability of online content services by ensuring that subscribers to portable online content services legally provided in their Member State of residence can access and use these services when they are located temporarily in the territory of a Member State other than their Member State of residence.

This Regulation does not apply to the field of taxation.

This Regulation entered into force on 19 July 2017.

LAW NO. 153/2017 ON THE REMUNERATION OF STAFF PAID OUT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

In the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 492 as of June 28, 2017 was published the Law no. 153/2017 on the remuneration of staff paid out of public funds.

The law provides for the elimination of hierarchical coefficients and the reference value currently used in determining basic salaries.

The first effective increases will be as of January 2018 when the gross amount of the basic salary of staff paid out of public funds will increase by 25% compared to the level granted for December 2017.

Furthermore, the basic salaries of doctors and nurses shall increase as of March 1, 2018 to the level set for 2022.

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ORDER NO/ 945/2017 CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

In the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 544 as of July 11, 2017 was published the Order no. 945/2017 concerning the application of international treaties.

The following international treaties entered into force as follows:

1. On February 14, 2017, the Third Protocol, adopted at Strasbourg on 6 March 1959, entered into force in the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe, concluded in Paris on 2 September 1949, to which Romania adhered by Law no. 171/2016, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 807 of 13 October 2016.
2. On 29 March 2017, the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Promotion and the Safeguarding of Investments between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay entered into force at Montevideo on November 23, 1990, ratified by Law no. 38/1991, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 125 of 6 June 1991.
3. On 3 April 2017, the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria, concluded by exchange of verbal notes, signed in Bucharest on 31 January 2017 and in Sofia on 31 March 2017, for the amendment of the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government Of the Republic of Bulgaria, concluded by an exchange of verbal notes on July 12, 2012 and July 13, 2012 respectively, regarding the opening of some international crossing points of the Romanian-Bulgarian state border for persons and goods between Dobromir (Romania) And Krushari (Republic of Bulgaria) and between Lipnita (Romania) and Kainargea (Republic of Bulgaria).
4. On 10 April 2017, the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Republic of Italy on the War Tombs, signed in Bucharest on 9 July 2015, ratified by Law no. 189/2016, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 851 of October 26, 2016. On 17 May 2017, the Protocol signed in Bucharest on 4 July 2016 amending the Convention between Romania and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of tax evasion with respect to taxes on



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income and capital, signed at Bucharest on 6 June 1996, ratified by Law no. 98/2017, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 348 of May 11, 2017.

5. On 18 May 2017, the Protocol between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia on the establishment and activities of joint patrols along the common state border, signed on 10 November 2016 in Timisoara, approved by Government Decision no. 299/2017, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 346 of May 11, 2017.
6. On May 26, 2017, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Romania and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the abolition of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service passports entered into force on November 9, 2016, approved by Government Decision no. 248/2017, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 292 of 25 April 2017.
7. On 3 June 2017 the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on joint patrol at the Romanian-Ukrainian state border, signed on 21 April 2016 in Bucharest, ratified by Law no. 71/2017, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 278 of April 20, 2017.

DRAFT ORDER - ANAF

On Thursday, July 20, 2017, the National Agency for Tax Administration launched in public debate a draft order on tax returns that are submitted by electronic means or by electronic transmission systems.

In order to simplify the process of voluntary compliance of taxpayers, special attention was paid to extending the method of filing tax returns by electronic means of remote transmission.

The individuals are exempted from the obligation to electronically submit tax returns in the process of determining the income tax and compulsory social contributions.

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