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Establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register

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The Romanian Government has issued Decision no. 140/2008 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register ("EPRTTR"), thus implementing Regulation No. 166/2006 of the European Parliament ("the Regulation") and repealing Orders of the Ministry of Water and Environmental Protection no. 1144/2002 and no. 1440/2003.

In comparison to the previous legislation, this Government Decision covers a larger number of pollutants and activities. Subject to these rules is the release of pollutants to air and water, as well as:

- the release of pollutants to land;
- the release of pollutants from diffuse sources;
- off-site transfers of hazardous / non-hazardous waste.

Companies have to report annually to the National Environmental Protection Agency the amounts of pollutants released and off-site transfers of hazardous / non-hazardous waste if the thresholds specified in Annex II of the Regulation are exceeded.

The deadlines for submitting the reporting data are:

- 31 May 2008 for the first reporting year (i.e. 2007);
- 30 April of each year for the following reporting years.

Within 30 days of entry into force of this Government Decision (i.e. by 19 March 2008) the Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development is to establish the standard format for reporting.

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