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On November 20, the Emergency Ordinance no. 70/2019 regarding some measures applicable in the case of retreat of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union ("UK") without an agreement was published in the Official Gazette no. 933/20.11.2019.

Special tax regime applicable to the activities of the Final Tournament of the European Football Championship 2020

The Government approves the Emergency Ordinance no. 18 of March 19, 2019 which provides that the individuals and legal persons involved in the organization of the Tournament benefit from certain tax exemptions from the provisions of the Law no. 227/2015 regarding the Tax Code.



Measures approved by the Government in case of a no-deal Brexit

Official Gazette no. 933/20.11.2019

British citizens who entered Romania before January 31, 2020 irrespective of the registration status with the General Inspectorate of Immigration, will be considered individuals with Brexit status, benefiting from the measures issued by the Government through current Emergency Ordinance ("GEO").

The Ordinance will enter into force as of February 1, 2020, subject to the fulfillment of the reciprocity condition at that date, according to which the UK grants to Romanian citizens at least the same legal regime that Romania grants to British citizens through current GEO.

The terms mentioned in the GEO may be subject to change, in a scenario in which there will be further delays of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

Immigration implications

• Individuals with Brexit status registered with the General Inspectorate for Immigration up to January 31, 2020 can submit the application for a temporary residence permit until December 31, 2020. At the same time, individuals with Brexit status not registered on January 31, 2020 can request a residence permit until April 30, 2020. British citizens that obtained a permanent residence right on Romania's territory until January 31, 2020 must request the issuance of a long-term residence permit until December 31, 2020.

Social security implications

- Individuals with Brexit status maintain their rights to family benefits, unemployment and pension, established until January 31, 2020, until their termination. At the same time, the rights to benefits for workrelated injuries and professional diseases are maintained up to January 31, 2020;
- Starting with February 1, 2020, the A1 and S1 certificates issued by the
 authorities of the UK or Romania cease their validity, the Romanian and
 British citizens having the obligation to comply with the domestic law.
 Also, individuals insured who are on Romania's or the UK's territory for
 treatment purposes will continue to benefit from the settlement of
 medical services until December 31, 2020.

Implications regarding the professional qualifications and pursuit of professions

- The professional qualifications and professional experience of the citizens with Brexit status recognized on the Romania's territory until January 31, 2020 remain valid.
- The recognition procedure applicable from 1 February, 2020 for the UK was regulated, for professional qualifications, exercise of professions and studies, in order to access the labor market or to continue them.

Special tax regime applicable to the activities of the Final Tournament of the European Football Championship 2020

Official Gazette no. 942/25.11.2019

A special tax regime for personal income tax and corporate tax applicable to the revenues obtained from the preparation, organization and conduct of the Final Tournament of the European Football Championship 2020 by individuals and legal entities is introduced. The procedure for applying the tax regime is to be published.

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