Order

on consumer information on the marketing of pre-packaged products whose volume or weight has been reduced

Having regard to Articles 18 to 20 of Government Ordinance No 21/1992 on consumer protection, republished, as amended, republished, and Article 5(5) of Government Decision No 700/2012 on the organisation and functioning of the National Authority for Consumer Protection, as amended,

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The Vice-President of the National Authority for Consumer Protection, acting as Chair, hereby issues the following order:

- **Article 1.** In order to ensure a high level of consumer protection and the proper functioning of the internal market, this Order regulates aspects relating to the direct and indirect protection of consumers against market failures with repercussions for them by informing them of certain commercial practices involving a reduction in the volume or weight of a product while maintaining the same price.
- **Article 2.** This Order lays down the obligation for economic operators who sell on shelf products intended for consumption in sales outlets to inform consumers completely, correctly and accurately about changes in the quantities of products by reducing their volume or weight, having the same presentation, packaging and shape, without limitation, while maintaining the same price. This Order shall not apply to distance sales.
- **Article 3.** Economic operators shall ensure that the reference unit price exists at the place of marketing where they apply the change in volume or weight of the product.
- **Article 4.** (1) Where the economic operator offers for sale a prepackaged product whose volume or weight has been reduced, he is under an obligation to inform consumers of the fact that the volume or weight of the product has been altered even though the same selling price exists.

- (2) The information shall be made in the same visual field in a visible, legible form by using, by economic operators, the message on the placard provided for in the Annex to the Order.
- (3) The information obligation laid down in Article 2 shall apply for a period of at least 30 days from the date on which the product of reduced volume or weight is placed on the shelf.
- **Article 5.** This Order shall enter into force 30 days after publication in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I.

This Order was adopted in accordance with the notification procedure laid down in Directive (EU)2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of the rules on Information Society services, transposed into Romanian law by Government Decision No 1016/2004 on measures for the organisation and exchange of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of the rules on Information Society services between Romania and the Member States of the European Union, as well as the European Commission, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

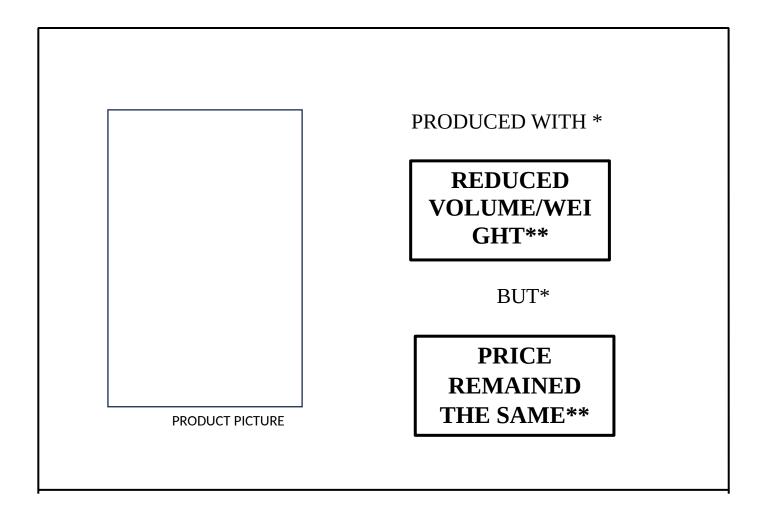


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