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The Order no. 3265/30.09.2022 amending and supplementing the Order of the Minister of Public Finance and of the Minister of National Education no. 1.056/4.435/2016 for the approval of the Norms on deductions for research and development expenses when calculating the tax result was published in the Official Gazette no. 0967.

According to the document, the conditions that the R&D activities should meet to be eligible for granting the additional deduction from the tax result have changed as follows:

- a) are included in a research and development project as defined in Government Ordinance no. 57/2002 on scientific research and technological development, approved with amendments and additions by Law nr. 324/2003 with subsequent amendments, identified by the following elements:
- 1. the purpose and the objectives of the project;
- 2. the field of research and development;
- 3. the period of development of the project;
- 4. the resources allocated to the project (sources of funding and, if the case, the project team and research infrastructure);
- 5. the budget of the project;
- 6. the category of the result of the research and development activity according to art. 74 of the Government Ordinance no. 57/2002 on scientific research and technological development, approved with amendments and additions by Law nr. 324/2003 with subsequent amendments;
- 7. innovative character;
- b) are applied research activities and/or technological development.

As a novelty element, the examples of activities that are not R&D activities have been eliminated and it has been added that experimental development activities are considered within the technological development activities.

The State Authority for Research and Development will constitute a body of experts registered in the National Register of Experts for the certification of the research and development activity. The procedure for their selection, the methodological norms regarding their expertise and the structure of the National Register of Experts are approved by Order of the head of the State Authority for Research and Development.

The certification system remains mainly optional. The obligation for the certification applies only to large taxpayers. The certification is not required for research and development projects and activities financed from national and international public funds.

Regarding the expressions or terms used in these Norms, the references to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, as well as the commentaries in the specific guide issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - Frascati Manual - were eliminated.

This Order shall apply from January 1, 2023.

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