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CHAPTER I

General provisions

Art. 1. — (1) Romanian citizenship is the link and the affiliation of a natural person to the Romanian State.

(2) Romanian citizens are equal before the law; only they may hold a public office or be members of the military in Romania.

(3) Romanian citizens enjoy the protection of the Romanian State.

Art. 2. — The ways in which one may acquire or lose Romanian citizenship are those provided in this Act.

Art. 3. — The conclusion, declaration of nullity, cancellation or dissolution of marriage between a Romanian citizen and a foreigner shall not take any effect regarding the citizenship of the spouses.

CHAPTER II

Acquisition of Romanian citizenship

Art. 4. — Romanian citizenship is acquired:

- a) by birth;
- b) by adoption;
- c) on application.

A. By birth

Art. 5. — (1) Children who are born in Romanian territory to parents who are Romanian citizens, are Romanian citizens.

(2) The following also shall be Romanian citizens:

- a) persons born in Romanian territory, even if only one of their parents is a Romanian citizen;
- b) persons born abroad whose both parents are Romanian citizens or who have one parent who is a Romanian citizen.

(3) Children who are found in Romanian territory are regarded as Romanian citizens until proven otherwise, if none of their parents is known.

B. By adoption

Art. 6. — (1) Romanian citizenship is acquired by adoption, by a child who is a foreign citizen or who is stateless, if his or her adopters are Romanian citizens. If the adopted person has reached the age of majority his or her consent shall be required.

(2) In the event that only one of the adopters is a Romanian citizen, the citizenship of the minor child who is adopted shall be agreed upon by the adopters. If the adopters fail to reach an agreement, the law court that is competent to approve the adoption shall decide upon the citizenship of the minor child, taking into account his or her interest. The consent of children who are 14 or older is required.

(3) If adoption is made by only one person, and that person is a Romanian citizen, the minor child shall acquire the citizenship of the adopter.

Art. 7. — (1) If adoption is declared null or is cancelled, children who have not reached the age of 18 shall be regarded as never having been Romanian citizens, if they domicile abroad or if they leave Romania in order to domicile abroad.

(2) In the event of dissolution of adoption, children who have not reached the age of 18 shall lose Romanian citizenship at the date when adoption is dissolved, if they domicile abroad or if they leave Romania in order to domicile abroad.

C. On application

Art. 8. — (1) Romanian citizenship may be granted, on application, to stateless persons or to foreign citizens, provided that they meet the following requirements:

a) they were born and they domicile, at the date of the application, in Romanian territory or, although they were not born in this territory, they have domiciled under the law in Romanian territory for at least 8 years or, if they are married to and living with a Romanian citizen, for at least 5 years from the date of the marriage;

b) their conduct shows loyalty to the Romanian State, they do not engage in or support actions against the rule of law or national security and they declare that they have not done so in the past;

c) they have reached the age of 18;

d) legal means for decent living are ensured for them in Romania, according to the conditions imposed by the legislation on the treatment of foreigners;

e) they are known to have good conduct and they have not been sentenced, in Romania or abroad, for any criminal offence that would make them unworthy to be Romanian citizens;

f) they speak Romanian and they have basic knowledge of Romanian culture and civilisation, to an extent that is sufficient for them to be integrated in social life;

g) they are aware of the provisions of the Constitution of Romania and of the national anthem of Romania.

(2) The periods of time in para. (1) a) may be reduced by half under the following circumstances:

a) the applicant is an internationally famous personality;

b) the applicant is a citizen of a Member State of the European Union;

c) the applicant has acquired the statute of refugee according to the legal provisions in force;

d) the applicant has invested more than EUR 1,000,000 in Romania.

(3) If the foreign citizen or the stateless person who has applied for Romanian citizenship spent more than 6 months of one year outside Romanian territory, that year shall not be taken into account when calculating the period of time in para. (1) a).

Art. 9. — (1) A child born to parents who are foreign citizens or stateless persons and who has not reached the age of 18 shall acquire Romanian citizenship together with his or her parents.

(2) Where only one of the parents acquires Romanian citizenship, the parents shall agree upon the citizenship of the child. Should the parents fail to reach an agreement, the district court that has jurisdiction over the domicile of the child shall decide, taking account of the child's interest. The consent of children who have reached the age of 14 is required.

(3) A child acquires Romanian citizenship at the same date as his or her parent.

(4) If a minor child has acquired Romanian citizenship under para. (1) or (2) herein and he or she has not been included in the certificate of citizenship of the parent or has not been issued a citizenship certificate under Art. 20 para. (5) or (7), his or her parent or, where appropriate, parents who are Romanian nationals may apply for a transcription or for the registration of the certificates or excerpts of civil

registration issued by foreign authorities, into Romanian civil registries, under Act No. 119/1996² on Civil Registration, as republished.

(5) A child who has reached the age of 14 may lodge an application on his or her own behalf for the transcription or registration of his or her birth certificate or excerpt. In such cases, the citizenship of the minor child is proven by means of the identity card or the passport issued by Romanian authorities to the parent or by means of the certificate in Art. 20 para. (4).

Art. 10. — (1) Romanian citizenship may be granted also to persons who have lost such citizenship, as well as to their descendants to the second degree inclusively who apply to acquire it again, and they may keep their foreign citizenship and establish their domicile in Romania or keep their domicile abroad, provided that they meet the conditions in Art. 8 para. (1) b) - e) accordingly.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall apply also to stateless persons who are former Romanian citizens and to their descendants to the second degree inclusively.

(3) The reacquisition of citizenship by one spouse has no consequences upon the citizenship of the other spouse. A person who is a foreign national or is stateless and is married to a person who reacquires Romanian citizenship may apply for Romanian citizenship under this Act.

Art. 11. — (1) Persons who have acquired Romanian citizenship by birth or adoption and have lost it for reasons that are not imputable to them or whose Romanian citizenship has been withdrawn against their will, as well as their descendants to the third degree, may apply for reacquisition of Romanian citizenship or it may be granted to them, and they may keep their foreign citizenship also, and either establish their domicile in Romania or keep their domicile abroad, provided that they meet the conditions in Art. 8 para. (1) b), c) and e).

(2) Art. 10 para. (2) and (3) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

CHAPTER III

The procedure for granting Romanian citizenship

Art. 12. — The approval of applications for Romanian citizenship or for reacquisition thereof shall take place by order of the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority, based on propositions by the Board of Citizenship.

Art. 13. — (1) The application for Romanian citizenship or for reacquisition of Romanian citizenship must be written in the Romanian language and submitted to the Board of Citizenship personally or, in fully justified cases, by an agent with authenticated specific proxy, at the seat of the National Citizenship Authority, accompanied by documents that prove the fulfilment of the requirements specified in this Act.

(2) Applications for Romanian citizenship or for the reacquisition thereof that are based on Art. 10 para. (1) and Art. 11 may be submitted also to Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices. Applications that have been submitted to Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices shall be forwarded at once to the Board of Citizenship within the National Citizenship Authority.

Art. 14. — (1) The Board of Citizenship, hereinafter referred to as the *Commission*, an entity without legal personality operating within the National Citizenship Authority, must check whether the conditions provided in the law are met for the granting, reacquisition, withdrawal or renunciation of Romanian citizenship.

(2) The Board includes a technical secretariat set up within the National Citizenship Authority.

(3) The members and the chair of the Board are appointed by order of the Minister of Justice for a term of 2 years and they may be revoked throughout the duration of their term, by means of an order of the Minister of Justice.

(4) The Board's activity is permanent. It is composed of a chairperson and 20 members, who are members of the personnel of the National Citizenship Authority. The work of the Board is not public, and it may take place only in the presence of at least 3 members. The work of the Board is presided by the chairperson, and in his or her absence by a member that the chairperson has designated.

(5) The fulfilment or, where appropriate, the failure to fulfil the legal requirements for the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship is recorded in a reasoned report which is subject to adoption by the Board with the vote of the majority of those present. In the event of parity, the vote of the chair of the Board or of his or her replacement shall be decisive.

Art. 15. — (1) The application for acquiring or reacquiring Romanian citizenship is registered with the technical secretariat of the Board. If it is found that documents are missing which are required in order to process the application, the chair of the Board issues a resolution requesting that the record be supplemented. If the required documents are not sent within 6 months from receipt of the request, the application shall be dismissed on grounds of lack of supporting documents.

(2) The chair of the Board shall issue a resolution to appoint the hearing date when the debates regarding the application will take place, and also he shall order the requesting of information from any authorities concerning the fulfilment of the requirements in Art. 8 para. (1) b) and e).

(3) At the date appointed for hearing the application, the Board shall check whether the requirements are met for the acquisition or reacquisition of citizenship, except for the requirements in Art. 8 para. (1) f) and g).

(4) If it finds it necessary to hear persons who could provide useful information for processing the application, the Board shall order that they be summoned and shall appoint a new hearing date.

(5) In the event that the requirements are met for granting Romanian citizenship, the Board shall make, within a time limit not exceeding 6 months, an appointment for the person concerned, for the interview meant to check the requirements in Art. 8 para. (1) f) and g).

Art. 16. — (1) Applications for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, made under Art. 11, shall be registered with the technical secretariat of the Board.

(2) The chair of the Board of Citizenship shall, by means of orders:

a) request information from any authority about the fulfilment of the requirements in Art. 8 para. (1) b) and e);

b) request additional supporting documents, within no more than two months from receipt by the applicant of the request by the technical secretariat of the Board, in the event that documents are lacking that are required in order to process the request, subject to dismissal of the application as unsupported;

c) appoint the date when the Board will check the fulfilment of the requirements for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship under Art. 11, a date which must be within 5 months of the date when the application was registered.

Art. 17. — (1) If the legal requirements are not met for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, and also in the event of failure in the interview in Art. 15 para. (5) or unjustified failure to appear for the interview, the Board shall, in a reasoned report, propose to the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority the dismissal of the application.

(2) A new application for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship may be submitted after 6 months from the dismissal of the previous application.

Art. 18. — (1) If the applicant succeeds in the interview, the Board shall draw up a report mentioning the fulfilment of legal requirements for the acquisition or, where appropriate, reacquisition of citizenship.

(2) The above report, together with the application for acquisition or reacquisition of citizenship, shall be forwarded to the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority.

Art. 19. — (1) The chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority shall, after finding that the legal requirements are met, issue the order of acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, as appropriate. The order of acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship shall be served on the applicant, by means of registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, at once, from the date when the order is issued.

(2) If he or she finds that the legal requirements are not met, the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority shall dismiss the application for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship by means of an order.

(3) The order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority regarding the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, and respectively the order of dismissal of the application for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship shall be served at once on the applicant, by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt.

(4) The order of dismissal of the application for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship may be appealed, within 15 days from service, with the Court of Appeal of Bucharest, Section for Administrative Disputed Claims. The decision by the court of appeal shall be final and may be subject to appeal on points of law at the Administrative Disputed Claims of the High Court of Cassation and Justice.

Art. 20. — (1) Romanian citizenship is acquired or reacquired at the date when the oath of loyalty is taken.

(2) Within 3 months from the date of service of the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority regarding the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, the persons who have acquired or reacquired Romanian citizenship shall take an oath of loyalty to Romania.

(3) The oath of loyalty is taken in a solemn session before the Minister of Justice and the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority or one of the 2 deputy chairpersons of the authority who have been delegated for that purpose, and shall have the following text:

“I swear to be loyal to the country and the people of Romania, to defend the national rights and interests, and to abide by the Constitution and the laws of Romania.”

(4) After the oath is taken, the Board shall issue the certificate of Romanian citizenship, which shall be drawn up in two originals, signed by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority. One of the originals must be handed to the holder thereof. Both originals of the certificate include safety elements and the photo of the holder.

(5) In the event that minor children acquire Romanian citizenship together with their parent(s), they shall be included in the citizenship certificate of their parent(s) and shall not take the oath.

(6) A person who has obtained Romanian citizenship under Art. 10 and 11, and has kept his or her domicile abroad, shall take the oath of loyalty before the head of

Romania's diplomatic mission or consular office in the country where he domiciles, within the time limit in para. (2). In this event, the certificate of Romanian citizenship shall be issued by the head of that diplomatic mission or consular office.

(7) Where a child comes of age during the processing of the application and before the date when his or her parents acquire Romanian citizenship, he or she shall take the oath and shall be issued a separate certificate of citizenship.

Art. 21. — (1) Failure by a person who has obtained Romanian citizenship to take the oath within the time limit in Art. 20 para. (2) for reasons imputable to that person, shall entail cessation of the effect of the order of acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship regarding that person.

(2) The task of finding the cessation of effect of the order of acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship for persons who have not taken the oath under the law belongs to the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority, upon notification by the specialised directorate within the authority, or, where appropriate, by the head of the diplomatic mission or consular office.

(3) A person who dies before taking the oath of loyalty to Romania shall be recognised as a Romanian citizen, based on an application submitted by his or her legal heirs, from the date of issuing of the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority regarding the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, and the Board shall issue the certificate of citizenship. Such an application may be submitted within one year from the date of death of the holder of the application for acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship.

(4) A person who cannot take the oath of loyalty to Romania because of permanent disability or chronic illness shall obtain Romanian citizenship at the date of issuing of the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority regarding the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship, as appropriate, based on the application and on medical documents, transmitted to this end, either personally or through a legal representative or a conventional representative with a specific proxy, by the date of completion of the procedure for the acquisition or, where appropriate, reacquisition of citizenship. The application to the Board regarding the issuing of the certificate of citizenship may be made within one year of the date of notification of the time limit for taking the oath of loyalty. Failure to submit the application within one year shall entail cessation of the effect of the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority regarding the acquisition or reacquisition of Romanian citizenship.

CHAPTER IV **Proof of Romanian citizenship**

Art. 22. — (1) Romanian citizenship shall be proven by means of the identity card or, where appropriate, the passport or the certificate in Art. 20 para. (4).

(2) Citizenship of children up to the age of 14 shall be proven by means of their birth certificate, accompanied by the identity card or, as the case may be, the passport of either parent.

(3) If a child is included in the passport or, where appropriate, in the identity card of one of the parents, citizenship shall be proven by means of either of these documents.

Art. 23. — Where necessary, Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices shall issue proof of citizenship, on application, to Romanian citizens who are abroad.

CHAPTER V

Loss of Romanian citizenship

Art. 24. — Romanian citizenship shall be lost in the following cases:

- a) withdrawal of Romanian citizenship;
- b) approval of renunciation of Romanian citizenship;
- c) other cases provided in the law.

A. Withdrawal of Romanian citizenship

Art. 25. — (1) Romanian citizenship may be withdrawn from a person who:

- a) while abroad, commits particularly grievous acts that are harmful to the interests of the Romanian State or to the prestige of Romania;
- b) while abroad, joins the armed forces of a State with which Romania has ceased diplomatic relations or with which Romania is at war;
- c) has obtained Romanian citizenship by fraudulent means;
- d) is known to have connections with terrorist groups or to have supported them, in any form, or has committed other acts that are a threat to national security.

(2) Romanian citizenship cannot be withdrawn from a person who has acquired it by birth.

Art. 26. — Withdrawal of Romanian citizenship shall not take effect upon the citizenship of the spouse or children of the person whose citizenship has been withdrawn.

B. Approval of renunciation of Romanian citizenship

Art. 27. — For justified reasons, renunciation of Romanian citizenship may be approved for persons aged 18 or older who:

- a) do not have the capacity of accused or defendants in criminal proceedings and are not under an obligation to serve any criminal sentence;
- b) are not being prosecuted for debt towards the State, towards natural or legal persons in Romania or, while having such debt, pays it or provides appropriate guarantees that it will be paid;
- c) has acquired a different citizenship or has applied to obtain it and has the assurance that he or she will obtain it.

Art. 28. — (1) Loss of Romanian citizenship by approval of renunciation shall not take any effect upon the citizenship of the spouse or minor children.

(2) Nevertheless, in the event that both parents obtain an approval of renunciation of Romanian citizenship, and their minor child is abroad with them or leaves Romania together with them, the minor child shall lose Romanian citizenship together with his or her parents, and if they have lost it at different dates, the minor child shall lose it at the last of those dates. The minor child who, in order to domicile abroad, leaves Romania after both parents have lost Romanian citizenship shall lose Romanian citizenship at the date when he or she leaves Romania.

(3) Para. (2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* also where only one of the parents is known or is alive.

(4) A minor child whose custody has been awarded by a court judgement to the parent who domiciles abroad and who renounced citizenship, shall lose Romanian citizenship at the same date as the parent who has custody of him or her and with whom he or she is living, on condition that the consent is obtained of the other parent, who is a Romanian citizen.

(5) In the cases in para. (2)—(4) the consent of children who have reached the age of 14 must be obtained.

C. Other cases of loss of Romanian citizenship

Art. 29. — (1) A minor child who is a Romanian citizen and has been adopted by a foreign citizen shall lose Romanian citizenship if, at the request of his or her adopter(s), he or she has acquired their citizenship under foreign law. The consent of children who have reached the age of 14 must be obtained.

(2) The date when Romanian citizenship is lost under para. (1) shall be the date when the minor child obtains the citizenship of his or her adopter.

(3) If adoption is declared null or is cancelled, children below the age of 18 shall be regarded as never having lost Romanian citizenship.

Art. 30. — (1) In the event in Art. 5 para. (3) children who are found shall lose Romanian citizenship if by the age of 18 their filiation has been established regarding both parents and they are foreign citizens.

(2) Romanian citizenship shall be lost also if filiation has been established only regarding one parent who is a foreign citizen and the other parent remains unknown.

(3) The date when Romanian citizenship is lost under para. (1) and (2) shall be the date when the child's filiation is established.

CHAPTER VI

The procedure for withdrawal of Romanian citizenship and for approval of renunciation of Romanian citizenship

Art. 31. — (1) The application for renunciation of Romanian citizenship, together with the supporting documents in Art. 27, shall be submitted to the technical secretariat of the Board or to Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices in the country where the applicant domiciles or resides.

(2) Where documents are lacking that are needed to process the application, the chair of the Board shall issue a resolution requesting that the case record be supplemented. If the necessary documents are not transmitted within 6 months from service, the application must be dismissed as unsupported.

(3) Where the case record includes all the documents required to process the application for renunciation of Romanian citizenship, the chair of the Board shall issue a resolution ordering that information be requested from any authorities regarding the fulfilment of the requirement in Art. 27 a) or, where appropriate, b).

(4) The chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority shall issue an order to approve or, where appropriate, dismiss the application for renunciation of Romanian citizenship, based on a report by the Board finding the fulfilment or failure to fulfil the conditions in Art. 27.

(5) The order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority approving or, where appropriate, dismissing the application for renunciation of Romanian citizenship shall be served to the applicant by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt.

(6) The order dismissing the application for renunciation of Romanian citizenship may be appealed, within 15 days from service, with the Court of Appeal of Bucharest. The decision by the Court of Appeal shall be final and subject to appeal on points of law with the Administrative Disputed Claims Section of the High Court of Cassation and Justice.

(7) Loss of Romanian citizenship by renunciation shall take place at the date when the certificate of renunciation of Romanian citizenship is issued.

(8) Renunciation of Romanian citizenship may be proven by means of certificate issued by the secretariat of the Board, for persons who domicile in Romania, or by Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices, for persons who domicile or

reside abroad, based on the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority.

Art. 32. — (1) Any authority or person who is aware of any reason why Romanian citizenship should be withdrawn may notify the Board in writing, with an obligation to provide the evidence available.

(2) The chair of the Board shall establish by resolution the hearing date for the notice of withdrawal, and he or she shall also:

a) request the opinion of competent authorities regarding the fulfilment of legal requirements for withdrawal of Romanian citizenship;

b) invite the person who has submitted the notice, as well as any other person who could provide useful information for processing the application;

c) summon the person concerned at his or her known address or, if the address is unknown, by publication of the summons in the Official Journal of Romania, Part III. The person shall be summoned at least 6 months before the hearing date.

(3) At the hearing date established, the Board shall check the fulfilment of requirements for withdrawal of Romanian citizenship. It shall hear the persons summoned under para. (2) b), as well as the person concerned. The absence of a legally summoned person shall not prevent the proceedings for withdrawal of Romanian citizenship.

(4) If it finds that the legal conditions for withdrawal of Romanian citizenship are met or, where appropriate, are not met, the Board proposes to the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority, by means of a reasoned report, either the approval of withdrawal of Romanian citizenship or, where appropriate, the dismissal of the notice.

(5) The chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority shall, after finding the fulfilment of legal requirements, issue the order of withdrawal of Romanian citizenship, or of dismissal of the notice for withdrawal of citizenship, respectively, if he or she finds that the legal requirements are not met therefor.

(6) The order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority approving or dismissing the notice of withdrawal of Romanian citizenship shall be served to the person concerned and to the author of the notice, by means of registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt.

(7) The order may be appealed within 15 days from service, with the administrative disputed claims section of the court of appeal that has jurisdiction over the domicile or, where appropriate, residence of the applicant. If the applicant does not domicile or reside in Romania, the order may be appealed within the same time limit with the Administrative Disputed Claims Section of the Court of Appeal of Bucharest. The decision by the court of appeal shall be final and irrevocable.

(8) Loss of Romanian citizenship by withdrawal shall take place at the date of issuing of the order by the chairperson of the National Citizenship Authority approving the withdrawal of Romanian citizenship.

CHAPTER VII

Final and transitional provisions

Art. 33. — Persons who have acquired and kept Romanian citizenship according to previous legislation are and shall remain Romanian citizens.

Art. 34. — (1) Applications for the acquisition of Romanian citizenship and for the approval of renunciation of Romanian citizenship shall be subject to a fee provided in the law.

(2) By derogation from para. (1), reacquisition of Romanian citizenship under Art. 10 para. (2) and Art. 11 is exempt of the fees provided in the law.

Art. 35. — Persons who have been granted Romanian citizenship under the law shall have all the rights and freedoms, as well as the obligations provided in the Constitution and in the laws of Romania for Romanian citizens.

Art. 36. — (1) Romanian citizenship as "honourable citizenship" may be granted to foreigners for special services to the country and nation of Romania, at the proposal of the Government, without any other formality, by the Parliament of Romania.

(2) Persons who have acquired honourable citizenship shall enjoy all the civil and political rights that are acknowledged to Romanian citizens, except for the right to elect and be elected and to hold a public office.

Art. 37. — For cases in which the consent of the other parent or of the minor child who has reached the age of 14 is required, the consent must be given in an authenticated statement before a public notary or, abroad at Romania's diplomatic missions or consular offices.

Art. 38. — (1) This Act shall enter into force 30 days after its publication in the Official Journal of Romania.

(2) Applications that are pending at the date of entry into force of this Act shall be processed according to its provisions. The requirements for acquisition of Romanian citizenship shall remain subject to the regulations that were in force at the date when the application was submitted.

Art. 39. — At the date of entry into force of this Act, the following shall be repealed: Act No. 24/1971 — the Romanian Citizenship Act, the Decree-Act No. 137/1990 on certain provisions regarding Romanian citizenship, the provisions of Art. 3 and of Art. 8 of the Decree – Act No. 7/1989 on the repatriation of Romanian citizens and of former Romanian citizens, as well as any other provisions that are contrary to those of this Act.

NOTE:

Below are reproduced provisions that have not been included in the republished form of Act No. 21/1991 and that will continue to be applicable as provisions of those amending statutes that include them:

1. Art. IV of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 87/2007 amending the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991:

"Art. IV. — indent (n) of Article 11 of Act No. 90/2001 on the Organisation and Operation of the Government of Romania and of the Ministries, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 164 of 2 April 2001, as subsequently amended and supplemented, is hereby repealed."

2. Art. II of Act No. 354/2009 Approving the Emergency Government Ordinance No. 36/2009 amending and supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991:

"Art. II³. — Beginning with 1 January 2010, in view of registration of applications for reacquisition or acquisition of Romanian citizenship, submitted under Art. 10^{1 4} of the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, as republished, as subsequently amended and supplemented, territorial offices shall be set up, subordinated to the National Citizenship Authority."

¹ Republished under Art. 21 of the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 5/2010 on the setting up, organisation and operation of the National Citizenship Authority, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 93 of 10 February 2010, which was approved with amendments through Act No. 112/2010, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 405 of 17 June 2010, the texts being given new numbering.

The Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991 has been republished before in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 98 of 6 March 2000, and subsequently it has been amended and supplemented through:

— the Government Ordinance No. 84/2001 on the setting up, organisation and operation of public community services of civil registration, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 544 of 1 September 2001, which was approved with amendments and supplements through Act No. 372/2002, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 447 of 26 June 2002, as subsequently amended and supplemented;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 167/2001 staying the applicability of Art. 35 of the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, as republished, which was published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 802 of 14 December 2001, and which was approved through Act No. 225/2002 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 290 of 29 April 2002;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 68/2002 amending and supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 424 of 18 June 2002, which was approved with amendments through Act No. 542/2002 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 726 of 4 October 2002;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 160/2002 staying the applicability of certain provisions of the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 850 of 25 November 2002, which was approved with amendments and supplements through Act No. 165/2003 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 305 of 7 May 2003;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 43/2003 amending and supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 399 of 9 June 2003, which was approved with amendments through Act No. 405/2003 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 721 of 15 October 2003;

— Act No. 248/2003 supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, as republished, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 414 of 13 June 2003;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 87/2007 amending the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 634 of 14 September 2007, approved with amendments and supplements through Act No. 70/2008 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 283 of 11 April 2008;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 147/2008 amending and supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 765 of 13 November 2008, which was approved with amendments and supplements through Act No. 171/2009, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 321 of 14 May 2009;

— the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 36/2009 amending and supplementing the Romanian Citizenship Act No. 21/1991, published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 259 of 21 April 2009, which was approved with amendments and supplements through Act No. 354/2009 published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 781 of 16 November 2009.

² Act No. 119/1996 on civil status registration has been republished in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 743 of 2 November 2009.

³ Art. II was amended through the Government Emergency Ordinance No. 5/2010 on the setting up, organisation and operation of the National Citizenship Authority, which was published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, No. 93 of 10 February 2010.

⁴ According to the new numbering, Art. 10¹ has become Art. 11.