

**LEGAL FLASH**  
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According to the provisions stipulated in Art 39 of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 44/2008, *all Freelancers and Familiar Associations* that have been authorized by the City Hall in accordance with other prior laws, *shall be expunged* from the records, *with no other formality, in case they not choose to continue their activity by registering themselves at the Trade Registry, before April 25<sup>th</sup> 2009.*

Along with Government Emergency Ordinance no. 44/2008, the Trade Registry has taken over all procedures regarding the registration and authorization of Freelancers and Familiar Associations.

Prior to this Government Emergency Ordinance the competent City Hall was the entitled institution to issue the functioning authorization of Freelancers and Familiar Associations.

However the Government Emergency Ordinance doesn't apply to the liberal professions and economical activities that are organized and controlled and regulated by special laws.

The Government Emergency Ordinance no. 44/2008 replaces Law no. 300/2004 and it has been issued to simplify the authorization and registration process, in the benefit of the solicitors.

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