

LOBBYING ACT

TITLE I

FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS

Subject matter of the Act and relationship of the Act with other legislation

Article 1

- (1) This Act regulates lobbying, organisation of the Register of Lobbyists, sanctions for violating the provisions of this Act and other issues related to lobbying.
- (2) This Act shall not affect the application of regulations in the areas of criminal legislation, protection of data secrecy, financing of political activities, election campaigns and referendums, right of access to information and activities undertaken in connection with decisions in judicial or other official proceedings, public procurement procedures and other procedures in which the rights or obligations of individuals are decided.
- (3) The provisions of the law governing the general administrative procedure shall apply to the proceedings of the Commission for the Resolution of Conflicts of Interest.

Meaning of specific terms in the Act

Article 2

Within the meaning of this Act, specific terms shall mean the following:

- 1) *lobbying* is any form of oral or written communication to a lobbied person as part of a structured and organised promotion, advocacy or representation of specific interests or the transmission of information relating to public decision-making for the purpose of pursuing the interests of the beneficiaries of lobbying;
- 2) *public decision-making* means the preparation, development and adoption of laws, other regulations or general acts as well as other strategic or planning documents by legislative or executive authorities, state administration bodies, other state bodies, bodies of local or regional self-government units, including their administrative bodies, or by other legal persons and bodies vested with public powers;
- 3) *lobbyist* is a natural or legal person who lobbies and is registered in the Register of Lobbyists, including:
 - a) persons lobbying on behalf of the beneficiaries of lobbying, including consultant lobbyists and professional lobbyists;
 - b) persons lobbying on behalf of their employer, or
 - c) lobbyists representing professional, business or other sectoral interests, including professional, sports, economic and interest associations, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations;
- 4) *lobbied person* is any person elected, appointed or employed as a public official, a special adviser or a managerial civil servant, or otherwise engaged in legislative or executive authorities, state administration bodies, other state bodies, bodies of local or regional self-

government units, including their administrative bodies, or in other legal persons and bodies vested with public powers, who participates or is responsible for public decision-making and has agreed to communicate with a lobbyist;

- 5) *beneficiaries of lobbying* are legal or natural persons and other legally regulated forms of association of natural or legal persons, including their branches, on whose behalf the lobbyist performs lobbying activities;
- 6) *Commission* is the Commission for the Resolution of Conflicts of Interest in accordance with the law governing the prevention of conflict of interest, including the administrative and professional service of the Commission;
- 7) *Register of Lobbyists* is the Register of Lobbyists in the Republic of Croatia.

Gender neutrality of terms

Article 3

Whenever gender-specific terms are used in this Act, they shall apply to men and women equally.

Activities not considered lobbying

Article 4

The following shall not be considered as lobbying:

- a) the democratic right of the individual to express their opinion to public officials, bodies or institutions, either collectively or individually through public consultations, referendums, petitions or citizens' initiatives, or to advocate political or legislative change, change of policies or practices within the framework of legitimate political activities, either collectively or individually;
- b) communication with the authorities of other countries, including their diplomatic and consular representations, institutions of the European Union, international intergovernmental organisations, including agencies and bodies arising from them, or communication relating to security matters;
- c) activity of persons when participating as experts in meetings, sessions or consultations on matters relating to the preparation of draft laws, regulations, general acts and strategic and planning documents on the invitation or initiative of legislative or executive authorities, state administration bodies, other state bodies, bodies of local or regional self-government units, including their administrative bodies, or other legal persons and bodies vested with public powers, whether paid or unpaid;
- d) activities of participants in public meetings, sessions, debates, other public events and/or broadcast events;
- e) publication of information, views and opinions on laws, regulations and general acts, as well as on proposals or drafts of such acts in the media;
- f) activity of social partners acting as participants in social dialogue in accordance with special regulations;

- g) activities of political parties, with the exception of organisations established by political parties or associated with political parties.

Principles of lobbying

Article 5

- (1) Lobbying shall be based on the principles of openness, transparency, accountability, conscientiousness and integrity.
- (2) The principle of openness implies the possibility of participation and the availability of information relating to public decision-making.
- (3) The principle of transparency implies that data relating to lobbying activities are made available to the public in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (4) The principle of responsibility and conscientiousness implies that lobbyists and lobbied persons act in a manner that meets the highest standards of professionalism.
- (5) The principle of integrity implies that lobbyists and lobbied persons comply with the ethical rules of their profession.

TITLE II

RULES OF COMMUNICATION

Obligations of lobbyists during lobbying

Article 6

- (1) Before they begin lobbying, the lobbyist shall introduce themselves to the lobbied person, prove that they are registered in the Register of Lobbyists, and state the objective and the beneficiary of their lobbying.
- (2) The lobbyist may provide the lobbied person with information and materials on matters in which they lobby for the beneficiary of lobbying.
- (3) A lobbyist must not lobby for two or more beneficiaries of lobbying with conflicting interests.

Obligations of lobbied persons during lobbying

Article 7

- (1) A lobbied person may agree to communicate with the lobbyist only after prior verification of the lobbyist's registration in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (2) Lobbied persons shall refuse further communication with the lobbyist if they assess that the subject matter of lobbying concerns an interest contrary to constitutional principles or public interest, or relates to unlawful conduct or omission, or if the lobbyist's conduct is unlawful.

- (3) Lobbied persons shall exercise due diligence in relation to information representing a professional secret or other confidential information that they learn during lobbying.
- (4) In case of doubt whether specific conduct constitutes a violation of the provisions of this Act or other prohibited or prescribed conduct envisaged by this Act, lobbied persons may ask the Commission for its opinion.

Prohibited lobbying activities

Article 8

- (1) It shall be prohibited to lobby contrary to the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The lobbyist must not provide inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information to the lobbied persons, or resort to undue pressure, inappropriate behaviour or offensive language.
- (3) If the lobbyist subsequently finds that the information they provided to the lobbied person is inaccurate or incomplete, they shall inform the lobbying person without delay and provide accurate and complete information.
- (4) When lobbying, the lobbyist must not encourage any violation of the regulations, rules and standards of conduct applicable to the lobbied person. It is forbidden to offer or give gifts or any other benefits to the lobbied person.

Reporting violations of the Act

Article 9

- (1) If the lobbyist, during lobbying or attempted lobbying, acts contrary to the provisions of Article 8 of this Act, lobbied persons shall refuse to communicate further with the lobbyist and promptly notify the Commission thereof.
- (2) If a person engages in lobbying, and is not registered in the Register of Lobbyists, lobbied persons shall refuse to communicate further with the lobbyist and notify the Commission thereof immediately upon knowledge.
- (3) The notifications referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall be submitted in writing or given orally on the record before the Commission.

Right to respond

Article 10

- (1) In case of receipt of information referred to in Article 9, paragraph (1) of this Act, the Commission shall request a statement of response from the lobbyist and set a deadline for the submission of the statement of response, which shall not be shorter than 15 days or longer than 30 days.
- (2) The lobbyist may submit the statement referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article in writing or orally for the record before the Commission.

- (3) The Commission may verify the veracity of information from the report and the lobbyist's statement.

TITLE III

REGISTER OF LOBBYISTS

Maintenance of the Register of Lobbyists

Article 11

- (1) Lobbying may be performed by a lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (2) Registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall be a prerequisite for lobbying.
- (3) The Register of Lobbyists shall be set up and maintained by the Commission in an easily searchable manner in a machine-readable electronic format.
- (4) A natural person lobbying on behalf of a legal person must be registered in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (5) The Commission shall adopt an ordinance laying down the manner of maintenance of the Register of Lobbyists, technical and organisational protection measures, the content of forms for registration, data change and removal from the Register of Lobbyists, the list of documents to be enclosed with the application forms as well as details of their submission, the content of the lobbyist activity report form and the content of ancillary records necessary for the purposes of making decisions related to the maintenance of the Register of Lobbyists and imposing of measures laid down by this Act.

Registration in the Register of Lobbyists

Article 12

- (1) Registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall be made upon the request of a natural or legal person, submitted electronically on the prescribed form.
- (2) Requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists for a natural person shall be as follows:
- legal adulthood,
 - the fact that the person has not been convicted by a valid final decision of criminal offences against official duty, criminal offences against the economy or the criminal offence referred to in Article 339 of the Criminal Code (Bribery of Members), or the criminal offences against the security of payment and business operations referred to in the Criminal Code (*Narodne novine* Nos 110/97, 27/98, 50/00, 129/00, 51/01, 111/03, 190/03, 105/04, 84/05, 71/06, 110/07, 152/08, 57/11 and 77/11), or sentenced by a valid final decision to a term of imprisonment of more than six months for other offences for which the criminal procedure is initiated *ex officio*.
- (3) Requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists for a legal person shall be as follows:
- registration in the relevant register of legal persons,

- the fact that the legal person has not been convicted by a valid final decision of criminal offences against official duty, criminal offences against the economy or the criminal offence referred to in Article 339 of the Criminal Code (Bribery of Members), or the criminal offences against the security of payment and business operations referred to in the Criminal Code (*Narodne novine* Nos 110/97, 27/98, 50/00, 129/00, 51/01, 111/03, 190/03, 105/04, 84/05, 71/06, 110/07, 152/08, 57/11 and 77/11), or convicted by a valid final decision of other offences for which the criminal procedure is initiated *ex officio*.
- (4) The requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a foreign natural or legal person, who shall be required to prove they have not previously been convicted of the relevant criminal offences stipulated by the national regulations of the country of citizenship or the country of establishment, respectively.
 - (5) The application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall contain the name and surname and the domicile or residence of the natural person i.e. the name and registered seat of the legal person, personal identification number (*OIB*), contact details, including e-mail address, name and surname and the address of the person lobbying on behalf of the legal person, as well as the field of activity and interest.
 - (6) The application shall be accompanied by the documentation referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Article, proving that the requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists have been met.
 - (7) The Commission may contact the authority responsible for keeping criminal records to verify or obtain criminal record information about the applicant, in accordance with a special regulation.
 - (8) The lobbyist shall be required to re-register in the Register of Lobbyists every 24 months from the day the last decision on registration in the Register of Lobbyists became enforceable.
 - (9) The application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists referred to in paragraph (8) of this Article shall be submitted to the Commission no later than 60 days before the expiry of 24 months from the day the last decision on registration in the Register of Lobbyists became enforceable.

Content and Publicity of the Register of Lobbyists

Article 13

- (1) The Register of Lobbyists shall contain the following information about the lobbyist: name and surname for natural persons i.e. name and registered seat for legal persons, contact details, field of activity and interest, status of lobbyist's activities and removal from the Register of Lobbyists, as well as any measures imposed for violating the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Data from the Register of Lobbyists shall be publicly available.
- (3) Data from the Register of Lobbyists shall be made public for the sake of transparency of lobbying and for the purpose of pursuing the public interest.

- (4) Data from the Register of Lobbyists referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be published on the website of the Commission in an open-source, machine-readable and easily searchable format.
- (5) Data from the Register of Lobbyists shall be available to the public for two years in regard to a natural person, and five years in regard to a legal person from the date of removal from the Register of Lobbyists, with a note that the lobbyist has been removed from the Register of Lobbyists.
- (6) The processing of personal data in the Register of Lobbyists shall be subject to regulations governing personal data protection.
- (7) The Commission shall act as the controller of data from the Register of Lobbyists.

Procedure upon application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists

Article 14

- (1) The Commission shall issue and deliver to the applicant a decision on their application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists within 30 days of the date of submission of a valid application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (2) If the Commission establishes that the submitted application does not comply with this Act or the ordinance referred to in Article 11, paragraph (5) of this Act, or if the application is not accompanied by appropriate documentation, it shall issue a conclusion inviting the applicant for registration in the Register of Lobbyists to supplement the application within a deadline not shorter than 15 days from the date of service of the conclusion.
- (3) The decision on registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall contain: name and surname i.e. name of the lobbyist, their personal identification number (*OIB*), domicile or residence of the natural person i.e. registered seat of the legal person, names and surnames of persons authorised for lobbying on behalf of the legal person as the lobbyist, and the field of activity and interest.
- (4) Entry in the Register of Lobbyists shall be made upon enforceability of the decision on registration.
- (5) The decisions and conclusions of the Commission on applications for registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall not be adopted in public sessions or made publically available on the website of the Commission.

Denial of registration in the Register of Lobbyists

Article 15

- (1) A decision denying an application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists shall be issued if:
 - a) the requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists in accordance with Article 12 of this Act have not been met;
 - b) the person in question cannot engage in lobbying in accordance with Article 22 of this Act;

- c) a measure of removal from the Register of Lobbyists had been imposed on the lobbyist and the specified period of prohibition on re-registration has not expired.

Data changes

Article 16

- (1) A lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists shall submit to the Commission an application for a change of data entered in the Register of Lobbyists no later than 30 days from the date of the change.
- (2) The application for a change of data entered in the Register of Lobbyists shall contain data of the lobbyist concerned, data of the applicant, indication of the requested change and indication of the documentation proving the change.
- (3) The application for a change of data shall be submitted electronically on the prescribed application form, accompanied by documentation proving the change of data.
- (4) The provisions of Articles 14 and 15 of this Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the procedure of entering data changes in the Register of Lobbyists and issuing a decision on the application for registration of data changes in the Register of Lobbyists.

Removal from the Register of Lobbyists

Article 17

- (1) The Commission shall issue a decision on the removal of a lobbyist from the Register of Lobbyists if:
 - a) it establishes that the data and evidence on the basis of which the lobbyist was registered in the Register of Lobbyists is incomplete or inaccurate,
 - b) it establishes that the lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists no longer meets the requirements for registration in the Register of Lobbyists referred to in Article 12 of this Act,
 - c) the lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists requests removal from the Register of Lobbyists,
 - d) a measure of removal from the Register of Lobbyists is imposed on the lobbyist,
 - e) the lobbyist who is a natural person dies,
 - f) the lobbyist with legal personality ceases to exist,
 - g) the lobbyist has failed to re-register in the Register of Lobbyists in accordance with Article 12, paragraph (8) of this Act.
- (2) The application for removal from the Register of Lobbyists referred to in paragraph (1), item c) of this Article shall be submitted electronically on the prescribed form and shall contain data of the lobbyist concerned and data of the applicant.

Personal data protection

Article 18

- (1) Regulations governing personal data protection shall apply to the processing of personal data contained in the application for registration in the Register of Lobbyists, change of data in the Register or removal from the Register of Lobbyists.
- (2) Data in the Register of Lobbyists that are not public may only be accessed by a person authorised to perform activities relating to the keeping of the Register of Lobbyists, in accordance with the measures prescribed by the ordinance referred to in Article 11, paragraph (5) of this Act, and a person whose data from the Register of Lobbyists are being processed may access their own data upon request to the Commission.
- (3) Documents that have not been made public shall be stored in the official premises of the Commission and shall be subject to technical and organisational safety measures as prescribed by the ordinance referred to in Article 11, paragraph (5) of this Act.
- (4) Personal data contained in the application documents referred to in Article 12, paragraph (6) of this Act shall be kept for five years from the date of removal from the Register of Lobbyists.

TITLE IV

REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Obligation to report on lobbying activities

Article 19

- (1) A lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists shall submit a lobbyist activity report to the Commission once a year by 31 March of the current year for the previous year.
- (2) A lobbyist who has been removed from the Register of Lobbyists shall submit a report on all the lobbying activities performed and not previously reported no later than 30 days of the day the decision on removal becomes enforceable.
- (3) A lobbyist who has submitted the report shall keep the documentation that is the basis for reporting to the Commission for five years from the date of submission of the report referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article.
- (4) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to a natural person who lobbies on behalf of a legal person if their activities have been included in the lobbyist activity report of the legal person concerned.

Content of the report

Article 20

- (1) The lobbyist activity report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act shall be submitted to the Commission electronically on the prescribed form.
- (2) The lobbyist activity report form referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall contain data on the content of lobbying in terms of the area of targeted policies or legislation, the manner of lobbying, an indication of the objective of their lobbying for each beneficiary of lobbying, information on the beneficiaries of lobbying, an indication of the lobbied person,

including the name of the body and the function of the person contacted, and the information and materials provided by the lobbyist to the lobbying person.

- (3) The layout of the form referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be prescribed by the ordinance referred to in Article 11, paragraph (5) of this Act.
- (4) Upon receipt, the Commission shall examine whether the lobbying activity report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act contains all the necessary information.
- (5) If the Commission finds that required information is missing from the lobbyist activity report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act, it shall invite the lobbyist to supplement it within a specified period, which shall not be shorter than 15 days or longer than 30 days.
- (6) The procedure of verifying data from the report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act shall be closed to the public.

Verification of data and statements

Article 21

- (1) The Commission may on its own initiative verify the veracity of the data and statements in the report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act.
- (2) At the request of the Commission and within the time limit set by it, the lobbyist shall submit supplements, explanations and evidence for the statements made in the submitted lobbyist activity report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act.
- (3) For the purpose of verifying data and statements from the lobbyist activity report referred to in Article 19, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Act, legislative or executive authorities, state administration bodies, other state bodies, bodies of local or regional self-government units, including their administrative bodies, or other legal persons and bodies vested with public powers shall, at the request of the Commission, submit the requested information and evidence without delay.
- (4) A lobbyist may not refuse to provide the information referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article by invoking professional or trade secrecy.
- (5) The verification procedure referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be closed to the public.

TITLE V

LOBBYING RESTRICTIONS

Lobbying restrictions for the lobbied person

Article 22

- (1) A lobbied person shall be prohibited from lobbying in relation to the legislative or executive authority, state administration body or body of a local or regional self-government unit, including its administrative bodies, or other legal person or body vested

with public powers in which they held a public office or served, for a period of 18 months upon termination of office or service.

- (2) A lobbied person who is subject to the law governing the prevention of conflict of interest and who is obliged by the provisions of that law may under no circumstances engage in lobbying while in office or service, nor be registered in the Register of Lobbyists.

TITLE VI

VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT

Measures for non-compliance with provisions of this Act

Article 23

- (1) Measures due to non-compliance with the provisions of this Act shall be imposed by the Commission.
- (2) The measures that the Commission may impose include a written warning, a ban on lobbying for a limited period of time, a pecuniary sanction and removal from the Register of Lobbyists.
- (3) The measures referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article may be cumulated.
- (4) The measures shall be imposed depending on the gravity of the violation, the consequences arising from it and whether it is the first or a repeated violation. A written warning may be issued if, according to the conduct and responsibility and the consequences caused, it is evidently a minor violation of the provisions of this Act.
- (5) The procedure for imposing the measures referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be initiated *ex officio*.
- (6) Where appropriate to the nature of the violation, the Commission may, during the procedure, order the person against whom the procedure has been initiated to remedy the causes of the violation within a specified time limit and, if the person complies, may issue a decision discontinuing the procedure or may complete it taking into account the compliance with the order when imposing a measure.
- (7) When the decision on imposing a measure becomes enforceable, the imposed measure shall be entered in the Register of Lobbyists if imposed against a lobbyist registered in the Register of Lobbyists.

Types of measures for violations of the provisions of this Act

Article 24

- (1) A written warning shall be issued to a legal person for failing to submit an application for a change of data in the Register of Lobbyists (Article 16, paragraph (1)).
- (2) A pecuniary sanction of EUR 500.00 to EUR 3,000.00 and/or a written warning shall be imposed on a legal person engaged in lobbying for failing to submit a lobbyist activity report within the time limit from Article 19, paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this Act, or for failing to supplement submitted reports within the time limit from Article 20, paragraph

- (5) of this Act or to submit supplements, explanations or evidence for submitted reports within the time limit from Article 21, paragraph (2) of this Act.
- (3) A pecuniary sanction of EUR 500.00 to EUR 3,000.00 for the violations referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article shall also be imposed on the responsible person in the legal person concerned.
- (4) A written warning shall be issued to a natural person engaged in lobbying who fails to submit an application for registration of data changes in the Register of Lobbyists (Article 16, paragraph (1)).
- (5) A pecuniary sanction of EUR 500.00 to EUR 3,000.00 and/or a written warning shall be imposed on a natural person engaged in lobbying who fails to submit a lobbyist activity report within the time limit from Article 19, paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this Act or fails to supplement submitted reports within the time limit from Article 20, paragraph (5) of this Act, or to submit supplements, explanations or evidence for submitted reports within the time limit from Article 21, paragraph (2) of this Act.
- (6) A pecuniary sanction of EUR 200.00 to EUR 1,000.00 may be imposed on a lobbyist who fails to act on the written warning referred to in paragraph (1) or (4) of this Article within a time limit set by the Commission, which may not be shorter than 30 days.

Measures for prohibited lobbying activities

Article 25

- (1) A pecuniary sanction of EUR 400.00 to EUR 2,000.00, a ban on lobbying for a period of three to 24 months or removal from the Register of Lobbyists for a period not shorter than two years or longer than five years shall be imposed on a lobbyist who provides the lobbying person with inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information, or resorts to undue pressure, inappropriate behaviour or offensive language (Article 8, paragraph (2)) or who encourages the violation of the regulations, rules and standards of conduct applicable to the lobbying person (Article 8, paragraph (4)).

Provisions on misdemeanour liability

Article 26

- (1) A fine of EUR 2,000.00 to EUR 20,000.00 shall be imposed on a legal person that engages in lobbying and is not registered in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (2) A fine of EUR 500.00 to EUR 5,000.00 shall be imposed on a natural person who engages in lobbying and is not registered in the Register of Lobbyists.
- (3) A fine of EUR 700.00 to EUR 6,630.00 shall be imposed on a lobbied person who, within the period stipulated in Article 22, paragraph (1) of this Act, engage in lobbying in relation to the legislative or executive authority, state administration body, other state body, body of a local or regional self-government unit, including its administrative body, or other legal person or body vested with public powers in which they held a public office or served.

- (4) A fine of EUR 2,000.00 to EUR 6,630.00 shall be imposed on a lobbied person subject to the law governing the prevention of conflicts of interest if they engage in lobbying while in office or service (Article 22, paragraph (2)).
- (5) The lobbied person who violates the provision of Article 22, paragraph (2) of this Act may, in addition to the fine, be subject to a protective measure banning them from taking up specific offices or activities for a period of one month to one year.
- (6) When the Commission finds a violation of the provisions referred to in Article 9, paragraph (2) and Article 22, paragraphs (1) or (2) of this Act, it shall notify the competent state attorney's office thereof without delay.

TITLE VII

LEGAL REMEDY

Legal remedy

Article 27

No appeal shall be allowed against a decision of the Commission, but an administrative dispute may be initiated before the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia.

TITLE VIII

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Temporary maintenance of the Register of Lobbyists

Article 28

Until the establishment of a comprehensive software solution for keeping the Register of Lobbyists, the Commission shall temporarily maintain the Register of Lobbyists in electronic form using existing IT tools in a manner enabling an easy transfer of the registered data to the future electronic platform of the Register of Lobbyists upon its establishment.

Adoption of regulations for the implementation of this Act and harmonisation with the provisions of this Act

Article 29

- (1) The ordinance referred to in Article 11, paragraph (5) of this Act shall be adopted by the Commission within 60 days of the date of entry into force of this Act.
- (2) The Commission shall, no later than 60 days of entry into force of this Act, align the Ordinance on the Functioning and Decision Making of the Commission for the Resolution of Conflicts of Interest (*Narodne novine* No 105/14) with the provisions of this Act and submit it to the Croatian Parliament for approval.
- (3) The Commission shall align the Ordinance on Internal Order of the Office of the Commission for the Resolution of Conflicts of Interest, No 711-I-134-R-13/20-01-6 of 30

January 2020, as well as its subsequent amendments, with the provisions of this Act no later than 30 days of entry into force of the regulation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article.

Entry into force

Article 30

This Act shall be published in *Narodne novine*, the official gazette of the Republic of Croatia, and shall enter into force on 1 October 2024.

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