[RO] Amendment to the Film Law

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The *Legea nr. 303 din 03/12/2008 privind cinematografia* (Film Law No. 303) published in December 2008 brought about a number of key changes to Law No. 328/2006 especially with regard to the funding of independent film productions (see IRIS 2005-8: 18).

For example, the new version of section 13(1) provides that the film fund shall be financed from the following sources among others:

- 3% of the sales and rentals of recorded video cassettes, DVDs and other media carriers that can be copied in video format or by digital means; dealers and distributors of such carriers must provide the *Centrul Naţional al Cinematografiei* (National Cinematography Centre) with a list of sales and rental agreements, including revenues obtained and data from the contracting parties. In the case of recordings of films classified in “Category XXX” in the *Registrul cinematografic* (Film Register), that is to say films banned from public exhibition, the contribution payable is 15%;

- 4% of the value of advertising broadcast on a contractual basis by the public and commercial broadcasters;

- 3% of the price of the advertising contractually agreed by the cable television operators with a broadcasting licence and shown as part of their own programming;

- 4% of the revenues from public film showings of any kind and on any type of media carrier;

- 1% of the monthly revenues of market players that offer the dissemination of television programmes relayed by cable, satellite or digital transmission;

- 4% of the annual revenues of providers of games of chance;

- Interest on the sum contained in the film fund’s account in the state treasury;

- 3% of the amount payable for downloading films via data transmission services, including the internet and telephone services.

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