

Unifarm former director, Adrian Ionel, sentenced to 6 years and 8 months for 760,000 euros bribe

Adrian Eugen Ionel, former general director of the Unifarm National Company, was sentenced on Friday by the Bucharest Court to 6 years and 8 months prison time, in a case in which he is accused of demanding a bribe of 760,000 euros from the representatives of a company, in exchange for awarding a contract for the purchase of protective equipment against the infection with the novel coronavirus - 250,000 overalls and three million surgical masks.

According to the court's decision, Adrian Ionel received 4 years prison time for abuse in office, 3 years for bribe taking, 3 years for complicity to influence peddling, 1 year for instigating intellectual forgery and 1 year for using his position in the favor of other persons. The 5 sentences were merged and by applying an increase, resulted in a sentence of 6 years and 8 years.

The court's decision is not final.

Adrian Eugen Ionel was prosecuted by the National Anticorruption Directorate in October 2020 for bribe taking, abuse in office, complicity to influence peddling, instigating to intellectual forgery and using his position for favoring other persons.