Basic information

2000/2208(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Protection of purchasers of the right to use immovable properties on a timeshare basis (direct. 94/47/EC) **Subject** 4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel (PSE)	18/02/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	WHITEHEAD Phillip (PSE)	21/03/2001

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/05/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
28/05/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0215/2002	
03/07/2002	Debate in Parliament		
04/07/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0368/2002	Summary
04/07/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/2208(INI)
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Procedure subtype	Implementation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Committee dossier	JURI/5/13591

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European Parliament				
Document type	**Committee**	**Reference**	**Date**	**Summary**
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0215/2002	28/05/2002	
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Protection of purchasers of the right to use immovable properties on a timeshare basis (direct. 94/47/EC)

2000/2208(INI) - 04/07/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted its own-initiative report drafted by Manuel MEDINA ORTEGA (PES, Spain) on timeshare properties. (Please refer to the document dated 28/05/02.) Parliament made several recommendations on the Commission's future proposals, including the length of the cooling-off period, the return of advance payments, and point clubs. Future legislation should also include mechanisms to create a sufficient provision for maintenance which will prevent unrestrained or excessive increases in annual maintenance costs. The Commission should examine whether the timeshare contract can be defined as a consumer contract under Community law in order to prevent forum shopping within the Community. The Parliament also proposed several measures with a view to dealing with illegal operators. These include working with credit card companies, cooperation with the banking sector, and using company investigations law. The complete information document provisions annexed to the timeshare directive should become compulsory and expanded to include such matters as the ability to sell accommodation rights in the future at a guaranteed price and the right of members to inspect future costs. Finally, Parliament asked the Commission to bring forward an effective prohibition of all sales presentations which involve harassment, coercion or misleading claims by salesmen to the public.