Basic information

2011/0001(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Consumer protection: cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws Amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 2003/0162(COD) **Subject** 4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests 7.40.02 Judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	REPO Mitro (S&D)	04/02/2011
	Shadow rapporteur ROCHEFORT Robert (ALDE) RÜHLE Heide (Verts/ALE) SALVINI Matteo (EFD)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Health and Food Safety	DALLI John

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/01/2011	Legislative proposal published	COM(2010)0791	Summary
18/01/2011	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

25/05/2011	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
31/05/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0201/2011	
05/07/2011	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0309/2011	Summary
05/07/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/07/2011	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
13/09/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/09/2011	Final act signed		
04/10/2011	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0001(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 2003/0162(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114-p1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	IMCO/7/04962

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE462.561	01/04/2011	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE462.909	19/04/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0201/2011	31/05/2011	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0309/2011	05/07/2011	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00023/2011/LEX	13/09/2011	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2010)0791	03/01/2011	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0793/2011	05/05/2011	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2011/0954
OJ L 259 04.10.2011, p. 0001 Summary

Consumer protection: cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws

2011/0001(COD) - 14/09/2011 - Final act

PURPOSE: to update the contents of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation to reflect recent legislative developments in the field of consumer protection.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 954/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws.

CONTENT: following an agreement with the European Parliament at first reading, the Council adopted a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation to reflect recent legislative developments in the field of consumer protection.

The amending Regulation seeks to **maintain the effectiveness of Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004** with regard to cooperation between the national authorities responsible for the application of consumer protection legislation, but also to ensure that the Regulation continues to guarantee that there is no discrimination between intra-EU and national transactions as far as the effectiveness with which the transactions are undertaken by the competent national authorities is concerned.

To achieve these objectives, the new Regulation seeks to **update the content of the Regulation's annex** in such a way as to reflect recent developments in consumer protection legislation.

From a practical point of view, the redundant provisions in the annex are deleted and replaced by up-to-date references to the new legislation.

The amending Regulation introduces a **revision clause**: by 31 December 2014, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council which shall assess the effectiveness and operational mechanisms of this Regulation and thoroughly examine the possible inclusion in the Annex of additional laws that protect consumers' interests. The report shall be based on an external evaluation and extended consultation of all relevant stakeholders, and shall be accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 07/10/2011.

Consumer protection: cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws

2011/0001(COD) - 05/07/2011 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 654 votes to 10, with 1 abstention, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws.

It adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted in plenary are the result of a compromise negotiated between the European Parliament and the Council.

The amended text introduces a review clause: by 31 December 2014, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council which shall assess the effectiveness and operational mechanisms of this Regulation and thoroughly examine the possible inclusion in the Annex of additional laws that protect consumers' interests. The report shall be based on an external evaluation and extended consultation of all relevant stakeholders, and shall be accompanied, where appropriate, by a legislative proposal.

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Consumer protection: cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws

2011/0001(COD) - 03/01/2011 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to update the contents of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation to reflect recent legislative developments in the field of consumer protection.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 aims to abolish the barriers to cross-border cooperation between public enforcement authorities to detect, investigate and bring about the cessation or prohibition of intra-EU infringements of the laws which protect consumers' interests to ensure the effective functioning of the internal market.

Applicable as of 29th December 2005, the Regulation achieves this aim by creating an enforcement cooperation network between public enforcement authorities and thus increasing consumer confidence in taking up cross-border offers, and preventing sellers and suppliers from evading enforcement to the competitive detriment of law-abiding sellers and suppliers.

The network established by the Regulation monitors and enforces legislation which protects consumers' interests. The legislation which falls into the scope of the network is listed in the Annex referred to in Article 3(a) of the Regulation. The amendment of the Annex will consist of the removal from the Annex of legislation which is not relevant for consumer protection cooperation and the updating of references to old legislation which is no longer in force by references to the current legislation in the field of consumer protection.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: since the proposed amending Regulation does not have significant economic, social and environmental impacts, an impact assessment is not necessary.

LEGAL BASE: Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: the overall goals of the proposed amending regulation are to ensure that Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws remains efficient and continues to guarantee that there is no discrimination between intra-EU and national transactions as to the effectiveness with which infringements are pursued by the competent national authorities. To achieve these goals, the proposed amending regulation has as its objective to update the contents of the Annex to the Regulation on consumer protection cooperation to reflect recent legislative developments in the field of consumer protection.

The proposal deletes obsolete legislation referred to in the Annex and replaces them with references to legislation currently in force.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the proposal has no implication for the EU budget.