

Basic information	
<b>2011/0001(COD)</b> 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 <a href="#">2003/0162(COD)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests 7.40.02 Judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">IMCO</span> Internal Market and Consumer Protection		REPO Mitro (S&D)	04/02/2011
			Shadow rapporteur ROCHEFORT Robert (ALDE) RÜHLE Heide (Verts/ALE) SALVINI Matteo (EFD)	
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">JURI</span> Legal Affairs		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union				
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	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		<a href="#">Summary</a>
31/05/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A7-0201/2011</a>	
05/07/2011	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T7-0309/2011</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
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	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2011/0001(COD)
<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 <a href="#">2003/0162(COD)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114-p1
<b>Other legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 165
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	IMCO/7/04962

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE462.561</a>	01/04/2011	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE462.909</a>	19/04/2011	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0201/2011</a>	31/05/2011	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0309/2011</a>	05/07/2011	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	<a href="#">00023/2011/LEX</a>	13/09/2011		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2010)0791</a> 	03/01/2011	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

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	
<a href="#">Regulation 2011/0954</a> <a href="#">OJ L 259 04.10.2011, p. 0001</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## 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.