

Consumer protection: indication of prices of products offered to consumers

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The amended proposal by the Commission on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers incorporated 14 of the 22 amendments adopted by the European Parliament. The main changes made by the Commission concerned: - clarification of the text: auctions and private sales would be excluded from the directive. The obligation to indicate the price per unit measurement was not to apply to: foodstuffs sold in hotels, cafes, restaurants, public houses, cinemas and theatres, teaching institutions, leisure centres, staff shops, hospitals, canteens and similar establishments; itinerant traders; products sold in means of transport; products sold in vending machines; - the treatment of small retail businesses: the Commission was in favour, not of an exemption, but of a generous adjustment period of six extra years after the date of application of the Directive. It did not adopt the idea of financial support for information programmes for small retail businesses.