


Procedure file

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

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	S&D REPO Mitro	04/02/2011
		Shadow rapporteur	
		PPE BUSUTTIL Simon	
		ALDE ROCHEFORT Robert	
		Verts/ALE RÜHLE Heide	
		EFD SALVINI Matteo	
	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			
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	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/07/2011	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0309/2011	Summary
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
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 2003/0162(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 114-p1
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	IMCO/7/04962

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2010)0791	03/01/2011	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE462.561	01/04/2011	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE462.909	19/04/2011	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0793/2011	05/05/2011	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0201/2011	31/05/2011	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0309/2011	05/07/2011	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2011)8072/2	08/09/2011	EC	
Draft final act		00023/2011/LEX	13/09/2011	CSL	

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2011/954 OJ L 259 04.10.2011, p. 0001 Summary

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

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.

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The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the report drafted by Mitro REPO (S&D, FI) 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 recommended that the European Parliament's position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should be to amend the Commission proposal.

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

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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

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.