

## **E Commerce Law In Europe And The Usa 1st Edition**

This cutting-edge Research Handbook presents a comprehensive overview of the European Union's influence on the regulation of the media sector in the digital age. It explores and compares several areas of European legislation that have an impact on the media sector, defined in a broad sense for its capacity to influence the public opinion at large.

Supplies an in-depth commentary on EU media law, with detailed analysis of all important legislation and court decisions. It leads European lawyers with vast knowledge and practical experience of media law provide detailed expert commentary. This comprehensive book provides a detailed overview of EU internet regulation in all its key areas, as well as giving a critical evaluation of EU policymaking and governance. This thoroughly revised second edition includes latest developments in the case law of the Court of Justice. It also discusses pending proposals in telecommunications, copyright and privacy laws as well as the new directions in internet regulation resulting from the Commission's 2015 strategy document.

The ubiquity of the Internet contrasts with the territorial nature of national legal orders. This insightful book provides a detailed practical analysis of jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition and enforcement of judgments, examining online activities in areas where private legal relationships are most affected by the Internet. Offering rigorous

and systematic coverage of EU Law in this dynamic field, consideration is given to information society services, data protection, defamation, copyright, trademarks, unfair competition and online contracts. Key features include: \* comprehensive analysis of the complex conflict of laws issues that arise in connection with Internet activities\* discussion on the jurisdiction of national courts and the determination of applicable law\* a European perspective on the relationship between Internet Law and Private International Law (PIL)\* consideration of the cross-border effects of judgments in all major fields of PIL affected by the Internet. Written by award-winning author Pedro De Miguel Asensio, Conflict of Laws and the Internet will be a vital resource for practitioners and policy-makers alike with applications for IT law experts and companies active in e-commerce. Providing a strong doctrinal base for an area of ever increasing importance and attention, this book will also be a valuable reference for academics working in the fields of IT law and PIL.

The year 2000 was when the European Union issued its E-commerce Directive. This directive regulates and facilitates e-commerce in the internal market by laying down a clear and general legal framework favorable for business organizations as well as protecting the interests of consumers. This book analyzes the consequences of the legal framework for business organizations involved with e-commerce in Europe. European Fashion Law: A Practical Guide from Start-up to Global Success provides an accessible guide to the legal issues associated with running a fashion business in

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Europe. This concise book follows the lifecycle of a fashion business from protecting initial designs through to global expansion. Readers will benefit from: - The logical and easy-to-follow structure which highlights relevant legal considerations at each stage in the development of a fashion business - First-hand, practical guidance on commercial issues associated with the fashion industry, including: how to avoid costly legal disputes, launching a website and working with third parties - Advice on how to protect a company's intellectual property at each stage of business development: from registering designs to combating counterfeits - A concise overview of relevant EU legislation and case law as it applies in practice. This inherently practical book will be a helpful go-to guide for those running a fashion business and for their in-house legal teams. For lawyers in practice the book will be useful point of reference when advising fashion and retail clients. For students of fashion, design, retail, or intellectual property, this book will provide a practical grounding to accompany academic studies. <https://www.europeanfashionlaw.com/about-the-book>

This book is a follow-up on an international research conference arranged by the Law Department of Copenhagen Business School in November 2003. The book comprises contributions from some of Europe's leading researchers within e-commerce law. Twelve scholars contextualize and critically examine the key debates about the controversy over icons and their veneration that would fundamentally shape Byzantium and Orthodox Christianity.

Parties to cross-border disputes arising anywhere in the vast Portuguese-speaking world – a community of more than 230 million in a space that offers a wide array of investment opportunities across four continents – increasingly seek Portugal as their preferred seat of arbitration. A signatory to all relevant international conventions, Portugal has proven to be an ‘arbitration-friendly’ jurisdiction. This volume is the first and so far only book in English that provides a thorough, in-depth analysis of international arbitration law and practice in Portugal. Its contributing authors are among the most highly regarded legal names in the country, including scholars, arbitrators, and practitioners. The authors describe how international arbitration proceedings are conducted in Portugal, what cautions should be taken, and what procedural strategies may be suitable in particular cases. They provide insightful answers to questions such as the following: What matters can be submitted to arbitration under Portuguese law? What are the validity requirements for an arbitration agreement? How do the State courts interact with arbitration proceedings and what is the attitude of such courts toward international arbitration? What are the rules governing evidentiary matters in arbitration? How is an arbitration tribunal constituted? How are arbitrators appointed? How may they be challenged? How can an international arbitral award be recognized and enforced? How does the Portuguese legal system address the issue of damages and what specific damages are admitted? How are the costs of arbitration proceedings estimated and allocated? The book includes analyses of arbitration related to specific fields of the law, notably sports, administrative, tax, intellectual property rights (especially regarding reference and generic medicines), and corporate disputes. Each chapter provides, for the topics it addresses, an examination of the applicable laws, rules, arbitration practice, and views taken by arbitral

tribunals and state courts as well as those of the most highly considered scholars. As a detailed examination of the legal framework and of all procedural steps of an arbitration in Portugal, from the drafting of an arbitration agreement to the enforcement of an award, this book constitutes an invaluable resource for parties involved in or considering an international arbitration in this country. The guidance that it seeks to provide in respect of any problem likely to arise in this context can be useful to arbitrators, judges, academics, and interested lawyers. With the ongoing evolution of the digital society challenging the boundaries of the law, new questions are arising--and new answers being given--even now, almost three decades on from the digital revolution. Written by a panel of legal specialists and edited by experts on EU Internet law, this book provides an overview of the most recent developments affecting the European Internet legal framework, specifically focusing on four current debates. Firstly, it discusses the changes in online copyright law, especially after the enactment of the new directive on the single digital market. Secondly, it analyzes the increasing significance of artificial intelligence in our daily life. The book then addresses emerging issues in EU digital law, exploring out of the box approaches in Internet law. It also presents the last cyber-criminality law trends (offenses, international instrument, behaviors), and discusses the evolution of personal data protection. Lastly, it evaluates the degree of consumer and corporate protection in the digital environment, demonstrating that now, more than ever, EU Internet law is based on a combination of copyright, civil, administrative, criminal, commercial and banking laws.

This unique text deals with the most important legal areas for e-commerce related business in most of the member states in Europe as well as the USA. Topics that are dealt with include:

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contract law, consumer protection, intellectual property law, unfair competition, antitrust law, liability of providers, money transactions, privacy and data protection.

Economist Mann and scholars of international studies and electronic commerce offer both general analysis and specific examples of government policies to promote international electronic commerce for the greatest gain. They consider telecommunications, finance, domestic distribution, taxation, privacy, and international trade. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

This book provides an overview of recent and future legal developments concerning the digital era, to examine the extent to which law has or will further evolve in order to adapt to its new digitalized context. More specifically it focuses on some of the most important legal issues found in areas directly connected with the Internet, such as intellectual property, data protection, consumer law, criminal law and cybercrime, media law and, lastly, the enforcement and application of law. By adopting this horizontal approach, it highlights – on the basis of analysis and commentary of recent and future EU legislation as well as of the latest CJEU and ECtHR case law – the numerous challenges faced by law in this new digital era. This book is of great interest to academics, students, researchers, practitioners and policymakers specializing in Internet law, data protection, intellectual property, consumer law, media law and cybercrime as well as to judges dealing with the application and enforcement of Internet law in practice.

This book outlines and analyses the legislative activity of the Union in an area which is currently experiencing exponential growth in terms of both commercial activity and legal significance. The scope of the book is current, pending and proposed Internet-related law on contracts, copyright, data protection, commercial communications, financial services, electronic

cash and electronic signatures. John Dickie argues that the Union is in the process of displacing Member State autonomy in the regulation of the Internet. Within that frame, it is argued that there is a lack of focus on the individual in the electronic marketplace and a lack of co-ordination between relevant legislative instruments. This book will be of interest to all those engaged with Union and Internet law, including lawyers, policy-makers and academics.

This monograph examines how European Union law and regulation address concentrations of private economic power which impede free information flows on the Internet to the detriment of Internet users' autonomy. In particular, competition law, sector specific regulation (if it exists), data protection and human rights law are considered and assessed to the extent they can tackle such concentrations of power for the benefit of users. Using a series of illustrative case studies, of Internet provision, search, mobile devices and app stores, and the cloud, the work demonstrates the gaps that currently exist in EU law and regulation. It is argued that these gaps exist due, in part, to current overarching trends guiding the regulation of economic power, namely neoliberalism, by which only the situation of market failure can invite ex ante rules, buoyed by the lobbying of regulators and legislators by those in possession of such economic power to achieve outcomes which favour their businesses. Given this systemic, and extra-legal, nature of the reasons as to why the gaps exist, solutions from outside the system are proposed at the end of each case study. This study will appeal to EU competition lawyers and media lawyers.

For the last twenty years the European Union has been extremely active in the field of e-commerce. This important new book addresses the key pieces of EU legislation in the field of e-commerce, including the E-commerce Directive, the Services Directive, the Consumer

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Directive, the General Data Protection Regulation, and the eID Regulation. The latest in the Elgar Commentaries series, EU Regulation of E-Commerce is the first book to apply this well-established format to a dynamic and increasingly significant area of law. Key features include: \* thoroughly up-to-date analysis of decisions of the Court of Justice and the Commission \* article-by-article commentary on the latest directives and regulations in the field of e-commerce \* a unique structure featuring detailed tables of cases and legislation and paragraph references, enabling easy access to all substantive legal provisions \* specially commissioned chapters from leading scholars and practitioners from across the EU. This unique work will provide the definitive account of the essential pieces of EU legislation on e-commerce. Legal practitioners will benefit from the clear structure and close examination of key provisions. The book will also appeal to legal scholars and advanced students, who will appreciate the concise overview and thoughtful analysis on future developments in the field.

Legal problems abound in the information society. Electronic commerce, copyright, privacy, illegal and harmful content, taxes, wiretapping governments face an enormous challenge to meet the advent of the Internet and ICT with a flexible, up-to-date, and adequate legal framework. Yet one aspect makes this challenge even more daunting: internationalisation. Law is still to a great extent based on nation states, but the information society is above all a borderless and global society. Territoriality and national sovereignty clash with the need for a global approach to address ICT-law issues. Should states leave everything to the global market, or should they intervene to protect vital national interests? How can one enforce national rules in a world where acts take place somewhere' in Cyberspace? This book presents the positions on these issues of the governments of the Netherlands, Germany, France, the



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UK, and the US, as well as of international organisations. How do they think about co-regulation, law enforcement, harmonisation, international cooperation, and alternative dispute resolution? How do they deal with applicable law and online contracts, privacy, international liability of Internet providers, and electronic signatures? What are the implications of the European Electronic Commerce Directive and the draft Crime in Cyberspace convention? Any legal framework that is to fit the global information society must take into account internationalisation. This volume shows to what extent governments are meeting this challenge.

2011 Updated Reprint. Updated Annually. Europe E-commerce Business Handbook Producers and Consumers in EU E-Commerce Law argues that the European Union is failing adequately to protect consumers' critical interests in the area of e-commerce. The book compares the Union's close protection of producers' critical interests in e-commerce, considered in terms of authorship and of 'domain-identity', with its faltering steps towards protection of consumers' corresponding interests, considered in terms of fair trading, privacy and (on behalf of children) morality. The book assesses the threats posed to those interests, the extent to which self-help can and does neutralise those threats and, as regards any gaps left, the extent to which the Union has stepped into the breach. The argument is important given that surveys show low levels of consumer confidence in European cross-border e-commerce, a motor of integration par excellence.

Die Regeln zum digitalen EU-Binnenmarkt gelten als Meilenstein des Verbraucherschutzes. Sie haben die Bereitstellung digitaler Inhalte und Online-Verkäufe europaweit harmonisiert. Der neue Kommentar zum "EU Digital Law" kommentiert Artikel für Artikel die wichtigsten

europäischen Regelungen zum digitalen Recht in der EU: die Digitale-Inhalte-Richtlinie; die EU-Verbraucherrechte-Richtlinie; die E-Commerce Richtlinie; die Portabilitäts-Verordnung. Damit wird der Rechtsrahmen für digitale Inhalte fundamental neu gefasst. Die Autor/innen sind Experten aus der ganzen EU. Ihre Kommentierungen bieten detaillierte Erläuterungen zu Hintergrund und Zweck der Bestimmungen und zeigen konkrete Wege zur Umsetzung auf.

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The European Union has long sought to create a single financial area across Europe where consumers in one country benefit from financial markets and activities in other countries. With the emergence of the Internet as a platform for the provision of online banking services, the creation of a pan-European market for banking services appeared a realistic proposition. In practice, however, this has not happened. This book asks why and argues that the creation of banking markets via the Internet relies on both available technologies and appropriate laws and regulations. The institutional and legal framework for online banking services in the single European market are examined, as is the level of legal harmonization achieved in the UK, France and Germany under the influence of the EU Directives pertaining to online banking activities.

With the massive explosion of e-commerce, and especially the use of the Internet as a transnational and instant medium for business transactions, has come a whole range of new laws and regulations - and, inevitably, a minefield of accompanying uncertainties and potential pitfalls. So what exactly are the legal issues companies need to address, and what are their implications in real terms for the business world? Find the answers in this groundbreaking study undertaken for the European Commission within the framework of the ECLIP project.

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With a brief to provide practical help for businesses and e-commerce initiatives, this series of cutting-edge reviews examines and evaluates the special rules designed to regulate the Internet - both at a European and at national level in the Member States. It also explains the relevant technological developments and evaluates them against the legal background. This is an essential guide for legal and corporate practitioners alike, as well as software developers and the consultancy community internationally. A publication of the ECLIP network

Master's Thesis from the year 2004 in the subject Law - Media, Multimedia Law, Copyright, grade: first, distinction (mit Auszeic, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, course: LL.M. Programm, 110 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This Dissertation aims to assess the effectiveness and suitability of European regulation in respect to E-Commerce. Taking the European 'Lisbon Strategy' as set out in 2000 as a starting point, this paper examines whether Europe is on the right track to becoming "the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy (...) by 2010." Hereby, the scope of this paper is limited to E-Commerce only as one essential part of a 'knowledge-based economy' and an 'e-ready' Europe. After outlining the special nature of E-Commerce, the rationale behind regulation and the historical background of European regulation in this field, this paper concentrates on four issues where the EU has become active in regulating E-Commerce, namely, the essential prerequisite of an existing 'e-infrastructure', e-signatures, privacy and consumer protection. The European approach to each of these issues is assessed to reveal its strengths and weaknesses. Moreover, this European way of regulating E-Commerce is then compared with other regulative attempts. Hereby, special attention is paid to the US approach to regulating E-Commerce which is mostly based on self-regulation. Thus, this paper comes to the conclusion

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that Europe is on the right track to becoming 'e-ready' in respect to E-Commerce. Basic regulatory decisions have the potential to lead in the right direction, although they do not always provide the most effective solution. Often European Directives do not reach far enough and are outdated. Thus, they do not address E-Commerce sufficiently, give too much discretion to the Member States and leave prevalent gaps or do not interoperate properly. Therefore, the European regulation on E-Commerce needs some revision and has to take some brave

This book outlines and analyses the legislative activity of the Union in terms of Internet and Electronic Commerce Law.

CE Marking can be regarded as a product's trade passport for Europe. It is a mandatory European marking for certain product groups to indicate conformity with the essential health and safety requirements set out in the European Directive. The prime aim of the CE Directive is to ensure that "all industrial products that are placed on the market do not compromise the safety and health of users when properly installed, maintained and used in accordance with their intended purpose. Users and third parties should be provided with a high level of protection and the devices should attain the performance levels claimed by the manufacturer." This book explains the meaning of CE Marking, its history, how the Directive can affect all manufacturers of industrial products, its current status, its associated quality management requirements, and how manufacturers can easily and cost-effectively meet the requirements for CE Conformance. Essential information for any manufacturer or distributor wishing to trade in the European Union Practical and easy to understand

This first book of its kind examines the framework regulating online sales, protection of

personal data and intellectual property, use of e-money, e-marketing, and Internet security as they currently exist in China's "market space". The book's very useful information includes such items as the following: detailed comparisons with European e-commerce regulation; business models for operating a website in China; Chinese rules on online purchase contracts, privacy, and data security; downloading and distributing software and other material; protection against copyright infringements and computer fraud; issues of jurisdiction and governing law; advertising and "spam"; use of "cookies" in online marketing; taxation of e-commerce; existing gateways for online payment; effect of the expansion of the so-called social forums; understanding Chinese online consumers and their behavior; importance of Chinese culture and heritage when applying copyright on the Internet; and progress towards a freer and more secure cyberspace in China. An appendix presents English texts of essential Chinese legislation affecting e-commerce. As a full-fledged definition of this new channel of distribution, its boundaries and functioning, with a particular focus on China, this book is an indispensable source of guidance and reference for counsel representing global marketers at any level of business. Its importance for scholars and researchers in the critical field of data security goes without saying. However, this book is also a guide for all the enterprises wishing to do business in the online dimension in China, and for all the consumers shopping online, wishing to know what their rights are when buying products or services on the Internet, and to know how to protect themselves if something goes wrong.

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OAPEN-UK research project. E-commerce offers immense challenges to traditional dispute resolution methods, as it entails parties often located in different parts of the world making contracts with each other at the click of a mouse. The use of traditional litigation for disputes arising in this forum is often inconvenient, impractical, time-consuming and expensive due to the low value of the transactions and the physical distance between the parties. Thus modern legal systems face a crucial choice: either to adopt traditional dispute resolution methods that have served the legal systems well for hundreds of years or to find new methods which are better suited to a world not anchored in territorial borders. Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), originally an off-shoot of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), takes advantage of the speed and convenience of the Internet, becoming the best, and often the only option for enhancing consumer redress and strengthening their trust in e-commerce. This book provides an in-depth account of the potential of ODR for European consumers, offering a comprehensive and up to date analysis of the development of ODR. It considers the current expansion of ODR and evaluates the challenges posed in its growth. The book proposes the creation of legal standards to close the gap between the potential of ODR services and their actual use, arguing that ODR, if it is to realise its full potential in the resolution of e-commerce disputes and in the enforcement of consumer rights, must be grounded firmly on a European regulatory model. Electronic commerce (e-commerce) is rapidly transforming the way in which enterprises are interacting among each other as well as with consumers and governments. Despite important potential benefits, businesses and consumers in developing countries were for a long time slow to exploit e-commerce. As a result of changes in the evolving landscape for information and communications technologies (ICTs), this pattern is now changing, and e-commerce is

growing rapidly in emerging markets and developing economies. Against this background, this publication revisits the potential opportunities and risks of e-commerce and examines how countries can benefit the most from the phenomenon in today's Information Society. Using official statistics and private sector data, it provides an up-to-date review of global and regional trends related to e-commerce in view of changes in the ICT landscape, focusing on developing countries while drawing lessons from developed countries.

The book provides a detailed overview and analysis of important EU Internet regulatory challenges currently found in various key fields of law directly linked to the Internet such as information technology, consumer protection, personal data, e-commerce and copyright law. In addition, it aims to shed light on the content and importance of various pending legislative proposals in these fields, and of the Court of Justice of the European Union's recent case law in connection with solving the different problems encountered. The book focuses on challenging legal questions that have not been sufficiently analyzed, while also presenting original thinking in connection with the regulation of emerging legal questions. As such, it offers an excellent reference tool for researchers, policymakers, judges, practitioners and law students with a special interest in EU Internet law and regulation.

This collection of essays by well known specialists in e-commerce and Internet law, drawn from both academe and practice, analyses recent crucial legislation which has created, for the first time, a legal regime governing European electronic commerce. The central focus is on the European Electronic Commerce Directive and its implementation in the UK since August 2002. The E-Commerce Directive develops a distinctive European strategy for regulating and promoting on-line business and the information society. Areas of the Directive analysed include

contracting on-line, Internet service provider liability, consumer privacy including spam and 'cookies', country of origin regulation, and on-line alternative dispute resolution (ODR). Further chapters move beyond the Directive to discuss other important new laws in this domain, including the Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive, the Distance Selling Directives, the Electronic Money Directive, the Lawful Business regulations on employee surveillance, the disability discrimination rules affecting websites and the extension of VAT to on-line transactions. Both the European framework and the rules as implemented in the UK are examined and critiqued for how well they meet the needs of business and consumers. European Contract Law in the Digital Age offers an overview of the interactions between digital technologies and contract law and takes into account the two (late) 2015 EU Commission proposals on digital contracting and digital content. The book goes beyond these proposals and is grouped around the three pillars of an architecture of contract law in the digital age: the regulatory framework; digital interventions over the life-cycle of the contract; and digital objects of contracting. The discussion of the regulatory framework looks at the platforms used for digital contracting - such as Airbnb - which are particularly important instruments for the formation of digital contracts. In describing the life-cycle of the contract, this book shows how four key technologies (digital platforms, Big Data analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain) are being used at different stages of the contractual process, from the screening for contractual partners to formation, enforcement and interpretation. Furthermore, digitally facilitated contracting increasingly relates to digital content - for instance software or search engines - as the object of the contract but while this area has notably been shaped by the proposed Directive on Contracts for the Supply of Digital Content, this work shows that



important questions remain unanswered. This book highlights how the digital dimension opens a new chapter in the concept of contracting, both questioning and revisiting many of its core concepts. It is a reliable resource on topical developments for everyone interested in digital technologies and contract law. (Series: European Contract Law and Theory, Vol. 3) [Subject: European Law, Contract Law, Digital Content Law]

Since the second edition (2010) of this invaluable book – primary texts with expert article-by-article commentary on European data protection, e-commerce and information technology (IT) regulation, including analysis of case law – there has been a marked shift in regulatory focus. It can be said that, without knowing it, EU citizens have migrated from an information society to a digital single market to a data-driven economy. This thoroughly revised and updated third edition pinpoints, in a crystal-clear format, the meaning and application of currently relevant provisions enacted at the European and Member State levels, allowing practitioners and other interested parties to grasp the exact status of such laws, whether in force, under construction, controversial or proposed. Material has been rearranged and brought into line with the vibrant and constantly shifting elements in this field, with detailed attention to developments (most new to this edition) in such issues as the following: · cybersecurity; · privacy rights; · supply of digital content; · consumer rights in electronic commerce; · Geo-blocking; · open Internet; · contractual rules for online sale of (tangible) goods; · competition law in the IT sectors; · consumer online dispute resolution; · electronic

signatures; and · reuse of public sector information. There is a completely new section on electronic identification, trust and security regulation, defining the trend towards an effective e-commerce framework protecting consumers and businesses accessing content or buying goods and services online. The contributors offer a very useful and practical review and analysis of the instruments, taking into account the fluidity and the transiency of the regulation of these very dynamic phenomena. This book will be quickly taken up by the myriad professionals – lawyers, officials and academics – engaged with data protection, e-commerce and IT on a daily basis.

EU data protection law is of great practical relevance for any company doing business in today's global information economy. This book provides a detailed and practical exposition of European data protection law in the context of the issues that arise in electronic commerce and dataprocessing. It analyses the relevant EU legislation and case-law, and makes particular reference to the EU Data Protection Directives as well as to the national regulatory systems in Europe and the US. Numerous examples are taken from practice, and advice is given on how the relevant data protection laws apply to and impact upon business in Europe, the US, and worldwide. Beginning with a detailed description of the legislative process, the book goes on to discuss the basic legal concepts underlying data protection law. It then focuses on how to determine whether EU law applies to particular electronic commerce and online activities, and how to transfer personal data outside Europe so as to comply with EU law. The book also

includes a comprehensive analysis of how to deal with complex compliance challenges, including notification of databases, processing of employee data, privacy policies, and website compliance and standardization. The key legislative texts needed to deal with complex data protection issues are included in the appendices, along with forms and precedents, contact information for data protection authorities, and links to useful websites. The book is fully up-to-date with the amendments to the Telecommunications Data Protection Directive passed in the summer of 2002.

Prominent privacy law experts, regulators and academics examine contemporary legal approaches to privacy from a comparative perspective.

Today, global competition obliges companies dealing in international trade to modernize their procedures of delivery in order to minimize the customs burden and simplify the relation with customs authorities. Customs planning is the current option to be effective in the worldwide marketplace. However, customs officials are facing new challenges: they must ensure the smooth flow of trade while applying necessary controls on the one hand, while protecting the health and safety of the Community's citizens on the other. To achieve and maintain the correct balance between these demands, control methods are constantly evolving raising major challenges to those charged with planning and compliance. This book is a highly practical work dealing with the ins and outs of European Union (EU) customs law. Cases of study, jurisprudence and comparative law support the analysis of the different legal tools. The consolidated

principles ruling the transactions within WTO Member States applied in EU law offer the readers the opportunity to understand how customs rules can be applied in any customs jurisdiction. Authored by an international tax lawyer with extensive experience enforcing EU customs law as a former member of Italy's financial police, this handy resource is designed to help the reader stay in compliance with the laws controlling EU importing and exporting while structuring transactions in a business-friendly manner. For almost three decades, the European Union (EU) has adopted measures to regulate consumer transactions within the internal market created by the EU Treaties. Existing legislation is largely based on directives harmonizing aspects of national consumer laws. This Brief argues that a more appropriate approach for EU consumer law would be legislation in the form of a regulation which is applicable to cross-border transactions only. The author considers the constitutional constraints of the EU Treaties, before examining the case for a cross-border-only measure. He argues that the cross-border approach is preferable, because it would provide clearer benefits for consumers seeking to buy goods and services across borders, while not upsetting domestic law unnecessarily—in particular in the context of e-commerce, with implications for industry, policymaking, and regional development. The Brief concludes by suggesting that a successful EU measure on cross-border consumer transactions could create a template for global initiatives for transnational consumer law.

Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the subject Law - Comparative Legal Systems,

Comparative Law, grade: 2,0, University of Vienna (Institut für Unternehmens und Wirtschaftsrecht), course: Diplomandenseminar aus Technologierecht, 15 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: On behalf of international e-commerce law there are a lot of different entities that deal with international trade law. For example there is the UNCITRAL (United Nations Commissions on International Trade Law) embodied in the United Nations. In this context the UNCITRALs report "UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce" has to be mentioned. The problem of UNCITRAL is that it cannot produce any binding instruments on international basis. It can only give recommendations for the national regulations of the membership states. The states themselves can choose to follow these "model laws" by UNCITRAL. On the other side there is the WTO (World Trade Organisation), which prepares on behalf of its members international treaties. In Europe, the e-commerce law has been enforced by the European Union - as well as the Council of Europe for certain topics like cyber crime. Examples for European legislation are the E-C directive, the Distance Selling Directive, and the E-Privacy Directive. In general, these directives focus on the problems that come along with the so-called "information-society," like copyrights of software and their protection, problems with databases and personal information and so on. In Austria the Distant Selling Directive has been transposed into the so-called "Konsumentenschutzgesetz," with 1. June 2000. The UK Consumer Protection Regulations came into force on 31 October 2000. The provisions of the Distance Selling

Directive are only the minimum level of protection laid down by the European Union. Each member state is free to protect its consumers better, but every consumer can rely that he has at least this minimum protection - Art 12 Distance Selling Directive."

E-commerce and EU VAT: Theory and Practice Rosamund Barr, Jeroen Bijl, Nils Bleckman, Gijsbert Bulk, Ethan Ding & Matthias Luther The new EU rules governing online sales of goods and services affect all businesses that sell online to EU customers, no matter where the seller is based. This timely book, written by leading tax professionals from various EU countries, is the first to clearly explain the VAT compliance obligations and options that businesses and tax practitioners worldwide must understand in order to adapt to the new system. In addition to describing the legal framework, the authors provide examples of how the rules work in practice and illustrate available choices for businesses, with particular attention to avoiding pitfalls. Thoroughly describing the rules affecting place of supply, liability, and accounting procedures in all relevant contexts, the book covers such areas of VAT compliance as the following: • distinction between goods and services; • differences between imported goods and goods sold intra-EU; • filing and invoicing obligations under the new one-stop shop scheme; • reclaiming foreign VAT; • mitigating fears of fraud and hijacking; • distinction between business-to-customer and business-to-business transactions; and • navigating through appeals, mistakes, and adjustments. Also covered are the particular VAT variations applicable to transactions involving the major European non-EU states –

Norway, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The important distinction between the concept of 'nexus' in the United States state and local tax rules and 'place of supply' under EU law is also fully explored. Because a very large number of remote sellers of goods and services will need to understand and comply with the changes in the EU VAT e-commerce rules, it goes without saying that this book is indispensable to in-house corporate counsel worldwide. Tax administration officials, professionals in indirect tax management, corporate tax and finance directors and other tax professionals, and academics concerned with indirect tax law are sure to welcome this essential resource.

Provides a quick and consolidated reference volume for lawyers to the most important European Union legislation for e-business activities.

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