



LEGAL PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

II Euroamerican Conference on Legal Protection of Consumers

***Santo Domingo,
26th to 28th May 2009***

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Registration until 16h

16:00h. Opening ceremony

- Leonel Fernández, President of Dominican Republic
- Ángel Agudo, Minister of Economic Affairs, Government of Cantabria, Spain
- Jorge Tomillo, Full Professor of Commercial Law, Head of Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection

Health and safety as a minimum basis in the legal protection of consumers

17:00h: “Consumer safety and market surveillance: strategies and legal tools”

Thierry Bourgoignie, Professor of European, Comparative and International Consumer Law, Dean of the Law Department, Director of the Groupe de recherche en droit international et comparé de la consommation (GREDICC), Université du Québec à Montréal, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

17: 45h.: “EU General Safety Directive and Rapex System”

Françoise Maniet, lecturer in law, Law Departement, senior researcher, Groupe de recherche en droit international et comparé de la consommation (GREDICC), Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada

18:30h.: “Creation of an alarm system in Mexico by PROTLCEM (Mexico-EU Free Trade Support Program)”

Thierry Woller, Expert in Sanitary and Phytosanitary Tools, Long Term Expert in the Mexico-EU PROTLCEM Free Trade Support Program in Mexico (PROTLCEM)

19:00h.: Presentation of papers

19:30h: Cocktail

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Education as a key to the knowledge of consumer rights

10:00h: “People´s Law School: evaluation and perspectives”

Richard Alderman, Vice-Dean of Law School, Director of Center for Consumer Law, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the Houston University, USA

10:45h.: Coffee-break

11:15h: “Establishment of consumer law in Brasil and Mercosur”

Claudia Lima Marques, Professor of Private International Law, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

12:00h.: Discussion round table

Chair: Eugenia Fernández, Professor of Commercial Law, University of Cantabria, Spain

- Circe Almanzar, Executive Vicepresident of the Association of Industries of Dominican Republic
- Ruperto Patiño, Director of Law School, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
- Samuel Arias, Judge, Dominican Republic
- Rosalía Sosa, Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- María José Puertas, lawyer, University of Lima, Peru

13:00h.: Presentation of papers

The legal protection of tourists and its effect on the economic development of Latinamerican nations.

16:00h.: “Tourist protection when purchasing a package holiday”

Julio Álvarez Rubio, Professor of Commercial Law, Academic Head of Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection, University of Cantabria, Spain

16:45h.: “Reform of timesharing in the european area”

M^a Paz Pous de la Flor, Professor of Civil Law, National University of Distance Learning, Spain

17:30h.: Discussion board

Chair: Julio Álvarez Rubio

- Yudith Castillo, Legal Advisor of Puntacana Resort & Club, Dominican Republic
- Amelia Solórzano, Academic correspondent of Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Guadalajara, Mexico
- David de la Hoz, Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

18:30h: Presentation of papers

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New problems in legal protection of consumers

09:00h: “Legal protection of consumers and the evolution of the food industry”

Alicia de León Arce, Professor of Civil Law, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Oviedo, Spain

09:45h: “Consumer Electronic Contracts: Emerging Legal Issues”

Christine Riefa, Director of Consumer and Commercial Law Research Group, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Brunel, West London, United Kingdom

10:30h.: Coffee-break

11:00h.: “Future perspectives in legal protection of consumers”

Gilles Paisant, Profesor of private law in the University of Saboy (France), Founder of the Center for consumer law and obligations, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Savoie, France

11:45h.: “Pattient as a consumer”

Jorge Tomillo, Full Professor of Commercial Law, Head of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection, University of Cantabria, Spain

12:30h.: “Prevention and consumer law: a reference to punitive damages”

Oscar Ameal, Professor of Civil Law, judge in the National Civil Justice Court, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

13:15h.: Discussion board

Chair: Jorge Tomillo Urbina

- Ovidio Parra, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in San Carlos University, Guatemala
- Rodrigo Cooper, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the University of Chile, Chile
- Marialma Berrino, Professor of Civil and Constitutional Law, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Santo Inocencio Mercedes, academic correspondent of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection in the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Angelica Noboa, Lawyer, Professor of Competition Law in the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, Dominican Republic
- Ramiro Contreras Acevedo, University of Guadalajara, associate researcher of the Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection, Mexico

14:15h.: Presentation of papers

14:45h: Closing ceremony

- Jorge Tomillo, Head of Euroamerican Chair for Consumers Legal Protection
- Franklyn García, Rector of Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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