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## CONSUMERS AND SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY

### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS THE LIGHT OF THE MARKET



From the consumers' and consumer protection associations' point of the view

#### **SOCIAL RESPOSANBILITY**

we usually to understand and to define

- multilevel and
- complex

social category and

**CIVILISATATION AND DEMOCRATIC** 

**VALUE** we daily to observe the...

- Social responsability in general
- Social responsability of the companies:
  - a) Traders
  - b) Service providers
  - c) Producers
  - d) Category the companies Importers and Exporters
- Social responsability of media
- Social responsability of marketing and in the marketing area
- Social responsability of the state and local authorities and
- Institutions and decision making bodies

BUSINESS SECTOR'S HAS THE OBLIGATION THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILTY (THE FAIR COMMERCIAL PRACTICE )AS PART OF THE COMPANIES' THEIR AND COMMERCIAL PRACTICE STRATEGY

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ETHICAL CODE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRACTICE

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**SATISFIED CONSUMERS** 

**AND EFFECTIVE** 

CONSUMER PROTECTION BASED ON THE HIGHEST EU STANDARDS, NORMS, PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

## Selection of the most prominent companies in Croatia



Public, consumers and consumer protection associations **TO BELEIVE** the companies which have the "BUSINESS REPUTITATION" which with our daily practice to promote and defend the principles and values of the **SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY.** 

With daily commercial practice these companies which have public REPUTATION are

#### **OBSTACLE**

of the breakness of the SOCIAL RESPONSABILITY AND ITS PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

# "We all recognise that the Internal Market must work for the benefit of both consumers and Business"

(Speech Strong consumer organisations are instrumental for Europe", Ex. DG SANCO Commissioner, Bruxelles, November 2004)

#### TEN BASIC PRINCIPLES

#### OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE EU

- 1. Buy what you want, where you want
- 2. If it doesn't work, send it back
- 3. High safety standards for food and other consumer goods
- 4. Know what you are eating
- 5. Contracts should be fair to consumers
- 6. Sometimes consumers can change their mind
- 7. Making it easier to compare prices

#### 8. Consumer should not be misled

- 9. Protection while you are on holiday
- 10. Effective redress for cross-border disputes

Consumers Internation the occasion the celebration World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD)

2010'Our money, our rights' send that and important message

#### 'Our money, our rights'

to consumers, traders, service providers and producers .....



That Consumers' International message from 15th of March 2010. has very strong reflections on the Croatian "Obligation Act's" content, especially on the Article's No 7 content.....

#### **Principle of EQUAL value acts**

**Article 7** (*Croatian "OBLIGATION ACT", Official Gazette 37/2005*)

- (1) At the conclusion of billable legal work participants depart from the principle of **EQUAL value of mutual acts.**
- (2) The law determines the cases in which violations of the principle of withdrawing the legal consequences.



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