

Common European Sales Law: business will decide

EUROCHAMBRES recognises today's vote in the European Parliament on the Common European Sales Law as a further step towards the creation of an optional contract law that would address legal fragmentation in cross-border sales.

Commenting on the vote, EUROCHAMBRES Secretary-General, Arnaldo Abruzzini said: *"The development of such an optional sales law is certainly innovative and Vice President Reding and European Parliament rapporteurs MEP Lehne and Berlinguer deserve credit."*

"The exercise nevertheless remains complex. Chambers fear that the regulation in its current form does not ensure legal certainty and that it fails to offer a proper balance of rights. In the end, businesses will decide on whether to propose the optional law to their customers, so we call on the Member States to make the proposal more appealing to traders", highlighted Mr Abruzzini.

The proposal for an optional European Sales Law for consumers and businesses was backed today by a majority (416 votes for, 159 against and 65 abstentions) in the European Parliament.

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