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EDiMA Reaction to the Adoption of the IMCO Report on Omnibus Proposal (Modernisation of EU Consumer Law)

Brussels, 22 January 2019 – EDiMA would like to thank MEP Dalton and the shadow rapporteurs' on the efforts they made to modernise the EU consumer acquis by means of the Omnibus proposal (modernization of EU Consumer Law) which was passed by the IMCO Committee at the European Parliament today.

We remain concerned about some amendments adopted today, mainly on requirements that are in direct violation of the e-Commerce Directive by forcing the online service provider to monitor their platforms (amendments 226 and 376).

“Following today’s vote we urge the Council to carefully consider the outcome of the 2017 EU Consumer Fitness Check that concluded that the EU consumer acquis remains fit for purpose. We look forward to continuing to work with all the parties involved on the file. It is essential that the Omnibus is fully aligned with other EU regulations, including the e-Commerce Directive, the proposed Digital Contracts Directive (DCD) and in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) so as to avoid legal uncertainty.” said Siada El Ramly, Director General of EDiMA.

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