

Abstract

The aim of my work is to describe and analyze the European and German consumer protection law, especially the implementation of selected consumer protection directives into German law. Main part of this work deal with the following EU Directives: Directive 1999/44/EC on certain aspects of the sale of consumer goods and associated guarantees, Directive 93/13/EEC on unfair terms in consumer contracts, Directive 85/577/EEC to protect the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premise and the Directive 97/7/EC on the protection of consumers in respect of distance contracts. I've also tried to analyze the German legal regulations and found out the differences and similarities between the German and Czech consumer protection law.

My work contains 9 chapters:

First chapter defines the basic terms of the consumer protection law like a consumer and a supplier. It deals also with the judicature of the European Court of Justice and German legal regulations and judicature, which extend the consumer's protection to another subjects.

Second and third chapter describe the primary and secondary EU consumer law, competence of the EU, consumer law basics included in the primary law and list of secondary legal acts, which regulate the field of consumer protection.

Fourth chapter contains the general information about the implementation of the EU Directives into the German law and list of German acts, to which has been implemented important EU consumer protection directives.

Next two chapters, chapter 5 and chapter 6, contains the information about the general consumer protection provisions, the unfair terms in consumer contracts and the special regulations of the law of withdrawal applicable for consumer contracts.

And last three chapters, 7-9, describes the „special part“ of the consumer protection law, the implementation of Distance selling directive, Door-step selling directive and Sale of consumer goods directive.