



The Doorstep Selling Directive (85/577/EEC)





Scope of Application (1)

The Directive protects consumers in respect of contracts with traders for goods and services in the following circumstances:





Scope of Application (2)

- at the doorstep
- in the consumer's home
- in the consumer's place of work
- during an excursion organized by a trader for consumers





Exclusions

- Directive does <u>not</u> apply to contracts for:
- sale of land
- supply of food and drink and other goods intended for current consumption in the household and supplied by regular roundsmen
- certain contracts concluded on the basis of a trader's catalogue
- insurance contracts
- contracts for securities





Withdrawal Period

Directive provides for a withdrawal period of not less than **seven** days for the consumer to cancel the contract





Optional Threshold

- Member States may decide that the Directive shall apply only to contracts for which payment made by the consumer exceeds a specified amount
- this amount may not exceed €60, or equivalent





No Waiver

The Consumer may not waive the rights conferred by the Directive.





Minimum Directive

The Directive shall not prevent Member States from adopting, or maintaining, more favourable provisions to protect consumers





Implementation

- Member States shall take measures necessary to comply with the Directive
- Member States shall communicate implementing measures to the Commission