

## Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

### PART THREE

#### UNION POLICIES AND INTERNAL ACTIONS

#### TITLE XV

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION

##### *Article 169*

##### **(ex Article 153 TEC)**

1 In order to promote the interests of consumers and to ensure a high level of consumer protection, the Union shall contribute to protecting the health, safety and economic interests of consumers, as well as to promoting their right to information, education and to organise themselves in order to safeguard their interests.

2 The Union shall contribute to the attainment of the objectives referred to in paragraph 1 through:

- a measures adopted pursuant to Article 114 in the context of the completion of the internal market;
- b measures which support, supplement and monitor the policy pursued by the Member States.

3 The European Parliament and the Council, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee, shall adopt the measures referred to in paragraph 2(b).

4 Measures adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 shall not prevent any Member State from maintaining or introducing more stringent protective measures. Such measures must be compatible with the Treaties. The Commission shall be notified of them.