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1ST EXPERT MEETING

ON THE TRANSPOSITION OF THE NEW PACKAGE TRAVEL DIRECTIVE

25 February 2016 - 09:30 – 17.00

Albert Borschette Conference Centre, 36 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels, Room 4D

AGENDA

09.15 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 10.00 Welcome - purpose and objectives of the meeting

Ms Veronica MANFREDI, Head of the Unit for Consumer and Marketing Law, DG JUSTICE

10:00 - 11:00 Roundtable on Member States' progress and schedule in the transposition process

Information by Member States

10:45 - 12:45 Discussions on key issues

- Article 2 - scope, in particular the exemptions in
  - Article 2 (2) (b) for packages and LTAs offered or facilitated "occasionally and on a not-for-profit basis"
  - Article 2 (2) (c): business travel on the basis of a "general agreement"
- Art. 3 – definitions
  - Article 3 (2) packages
  - Article 3 (5) (a) and (b) LTAs (see also Annex II)
  - Article 3 (8) organiser
- Article 12 (1) and (2) – termination of the PT-contract
  - Termination fees
  - Termination in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances

- Articles 13 and 14 – liability
  - Liability of retailers
  - Article 13 (7) longer periods in passenger rights legislation
  - Article 14 (4) limitation of liability under international conventions
- Article 16 - assistance
- *Further questions if time available*

12.45 –14:15 Lunch break

14.15 –16:45 Continuation of the discussion on key issues

- Articles 17, 18, 19 and 20 insolvency protection for packages and LTAs, including:
  - How will the Member States ensure the effectiveness of the insolvency protection and administrative cooperation? (presentations by some Member States – to be confirmed)
  - Insolvency protection for packages (Article 17)
  - Insolvency protection for LTAs (Article 19, Annex II)
  - Organisers and traders facilitating LTAs not established within the EU
- Standard information forms (Annex I and II)
- Article 27 (2): application of certain CRD-provisions to travellers/consumers
- *Further questions if time available*

16.45 –17:00 Closing remarks

Ms Despina SPANOU, Director of Directorate E - Consumers, DG JUSTICE