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NOTE

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To: Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information
Subject: Right to Repair policy context
- Presentation from the Commission
Right to Repair
Policy Context
EP Resolution of 25 November 2020
Towards a more sustainable single market for business and consumers

“Calls on the Commission to establish a consumers’ ‘right to repair’ with a view to making repairs systematic, cost efficient and attractive, taking into account the specificities of different product categories along the lines of the measures already taken for several household appliances under the Ecodesign Directive”
Council Conclusions of 22 February 2021 on New Consumer Agenda

WELCOMES the Commission’s intention to reinforce the ‘right to repair’ so as to allow goods to be more systematically and easily repaired, also beyond the guarantee period at a cost and within a timeframe that are both reasonable for consumers”
Communication on European Green Deal

“The European Green Deal [...] aims to transform the EU into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy where there are no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use.”
Communication on Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)

“The Commission will work towards establishing a new ‘right to repair’ and consider new horizontal material rights for consumers for instance as regards availability of spare parts or access to repair and, in the case of ICT and electronics, to upgrading services. Regarding the role that guarantees can play in providing more circular products, the Commission will explore possible changes also in the context of the review of Directive 2019/771.”
Communication on New Consumer Agenda

“The future review of the Sale of Goods Directive would provide an opportunity to examine what more can be done to promote repair, and encourage more sustainable, circular products. Various options regarding consumer remedies will be looked at, such as giving preference to repair over replacement, extending the minimum liability period for new or second-hand goods, restarting a new liability period after repair.”
Discussion

We would like to hear your views