

Directive 2008/48/EC Of the European Parliament and  
of the Council of 23 April 2008 on credit agreements for  
consumers and repealing Council Directive 87/102/EEC

CHAPTER II

**INFORMATION AND PRACTICES PRELIMINARY TO  
THE CONCLUSION OF THE CREDIT AGREEMENT**

*Article 8*

**Obligation to assess the creditworthiness of the consumer**

1 Member States shall ensure that, before the conclusion of the credit agreement, the creditor assesses the consumer's creditworthiness on the basis of sufficient information, where appropriate obtained from the consumer and, where necessary, on the basis of a consultation of the relevant database. Member States whose legislation requires creditors to assess the creditworthiness of consumers on the basis of a consultation of the relevant database may retain this requirement.

2 Member States shall ensure that, if the parties agree to change the total amount of credit after the conclusion of the credit agreement, the creditor updates the financial information at his disposal concerning the consumer and assesses the consumer's creditworthiness before any significant increase in the total amount of credit.