

Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER VI

COMMON ARRANGEMENTS

*Article 33*

**Use and disclosure of information and professional and commercial secrecy**

- 1 Information collected by or communicated to the competent authorities and the Commission in the course of applying this Regulation shall only be used for the purposes of ensuring compliance with Union laws that protect consumers' interests.
- 2 The information referred to in paragraph 1 shall be treated as confidential and shall only be used and disclosed with due regard to the commercial interests of a natural person or legal person, including trade secrets and intellectual property.
- 3 Nevertheless, the competent authorities may, after consulting the competent authority which provided the information, disclose such information that is necessary:
  - a to prove infringements covered by this Regulation; or
  - b to bring about the cessation or prohibition of infringements covered by this Regulation.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulation revoked by virtue of S.I. 2019/203, reg. 8 (as substituted) by [S.I. 2020/1347 reg. 3\(7\)](#)