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Post-REFIT proposal on the revision of consumer law:

better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules







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BEUC represents 43 independent national consumer associations from 32 European countries. The primary task of BEUC is to act as a strong consumer voice in Brussels and to try to ensure that consumer interests are given their proper weight in the development of all Community policies.





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