

Provisions that may apply to consumer credit providers governed by the law of another Member State of the European Economic Area and which operate in Belgium under the freedom to provide services (enjoying mutual recognition by virtue of their status as credit institutions, financial institutions, electronic money institutions and payment institutions}

This list applies to the credit institutions, financial institutions (as referred to in Article 332 of the Law of 25 April 2014 on the legal status and supervision of credit institutions), electronic money institutions and payment institutions governed by the law of another Member State of the European Economic Area and which are authorized under their domestic law to issue consumer credit agreements in their home Member State (Article VII.174, § 1 of the Economic Law Code).

Listed below are a series of legal and regulatory provisions with a bearing on economic and financial matters that may be relevant to the activities of consumer credit providers governed by the law of another Member State of the European Economic Area and operating in Belgium under the freedom to provide services, either because the said provisions were enacted in implementation of regulations and directives of the European Union, or because they may constitute provisions protecting the general good within the meaning of Article VII.174, § 3, par. 1 of Book VII of the Economic Law Code, entitled “payment and credit services”. This list is not exhaustive and does not in any way dispense an institution from the obligation, when exercising activities in Belgium, to comply with the provisions protecting the general good that are not mentioned here, in particular the provisions of civil law, commercial law, criminal law and tax law.

A. Specific provisions that apply to lenders governed by the law of another Member State and operating in Belgium under the freedom to provide services:

- Articles VII. 165, § 1, VII.166, §§ 2-4, VII.172, VII.174, § 1, par. 1, §§ 2 to 6, VII.175, and VII.196, par. 2 of the Economic Law Code;
- Articles XV.2, XV.18, XV.18/1, XV. 31/3, XV.61, XV.66, XV.67/3, XV.87 to 89, XV.91, XV.126 and XV.126/1 of the Economic Law Code.

B. Other provisions relating to the activities of lenders governed by the law of another Member State and operating in Belgium under the freedom to provide services:

- Book VII “Payment and credit services” of the Economic Law Code, as well as its implementing decrees and the implementing decrees of the Law of 12 June 1991 on consumer credit and of the Law of 10 August 2001 on the central individual credit register which remain in force until their abrogation;
- Royal Decree 55 of 10 November 1967 regulating the legal status of companies engaged in lease financing, and its implementing decrees;
- Law of 6 April 1995 on the legal status and supervision of investment firms;
- Law of 2 August 2002 on the supervision of the financial sector and on financial services, and its implementing decrees;

- Law of 17 July 2013 on protection against counterfeiting and the preservation of the quality of cash in circulation;
- Law of 25 April 2014 on the legal status and supervision of independent financial planners and on the provision of financial planning advice by regulated firms, and amending the Companies Code and the Law of 2 August 2002 on the supervision of the financial sector and on financial services;
- Book VI “Market practices and consumer protection” of the Economic Law Code as well as its implementing decrees and the implementing decrees of the Law of 14 July 1991 on trade practices and on consumer information and of the Law of 6 April 2010 on market practices and consumer protection which remain in force until their abrogation;
- Articles 1408 to 1411^{quater} of the Judicial Code.