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# **World Consumer Protection Map**

Contribution by Antigua and Barbuda

| Page 2: Contact of respondent  |                                  |
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| Q1   | Antigua and Barbuda              |
| Name of responding member State  |                                  |
| Q2   |                                  |
| Name of responding authority/agency:   |                                  |
| Prices and Consumer Affairs  |                                  |
| Page 3: Consumer protection legislation  |                                  |
| Q7   | No                               |
| Does your country's Constitution contain a provision on consumer protection?                                 |                                  |
| Q8   | Respondent skipped this question |
| If you do, please provide de following details:  |                                  |
| Q9   | Yes                              |
| Does your country have have specific law(s) on consumer protection ?   |                                  |
| Q10  | Respondent skipped this question |
| If you do, when was the main specific law first enacted?   |                                  |
| Q11  | Respondent skipped this question |
| If your main specific law on consumer protection has been revised, when was the date of its latest revision? |                                  |
|  |                                  |

Please provide the following details of the current specific law(s):

1- Name of law **Rent Restriction Act** 

1- URL link http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

378.pdf

2- Name of law The Supply of Goods and Services Act

2- URL link http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

421A.pdf

3- Name of law Sale of Goods Act

3- URL link http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

393.pdf

4- Name of law **Consumer Protection and Safety Act** 

4- URL link http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

97.pdf

5- Name of law The Unfair Contract Terms Act

5- URL link Downloads\Documents\cap-451.pdf

6- Name of law **Hire Purchase Act** 

6- URL link http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

201.pdf

Q13

Please check all the fields that your consumer protections law(s) cover.

Consumer rights/legitimate needs,

Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers,

Product quality,

Public utilities,

Redress,

Consumer education,

Consumer information

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Q14 Respondent skipped this question

From your previous answer, your specific consumer protection law(s) do(es) not cover the following field(s). Please name the relevant law(s) covering this/these field(s):

Please indicate the URL Link of the relevant law(s) to each field:

Access by consumers to essential goods and services http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-

138.pdf

Physical safety http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Food-

Ssfety-Bill-2020.pdf

Promotional marketing and sales practices (including misleading

advertisement)

ttp://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/No.-24-of-

2017-THE-STANDARDS-ACT-2017-1.pdf

Voluntary codes for businesses http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-

6.pdf

Pharmaceuticals http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1995-

11.pdf

Energy http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-

6.pdf

Data protection and privacy http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2013-

10.pdf

Financial services http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-

6.pdf

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#### Q16

Name of Ministry responsible for consumer protection:

Ministry of Trade

## Q17

URL link of responsible Ministry for consumer protection:

https://www.facebook.com/MinistryofForeignAffairsandTrade/

#### Q18

Year when consumer protection was assumed by the current responsible ministry:

1976

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Q19 Yes

Do you have a main consumer protection authority/agency?

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| Q20 Name of main consumer protection authority/agency:                               |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Price and Consumer Affairs   |  |  |
| Q21  |  |  |
| URL of main consumer protection authority/agency:                                    |  |  |
| https://www.facebook.com/pcadab/   |  |  |
| Q22  | Respondent skipped this question                             |  |
| Year of creation:  |  |  |
| Q23  | Respondent skipped this question                             |  |
| Annual budget: (in USD)  |  |  |
| Q24  |  |  |
| Total number of staff:   |  |  |
| 22   |  |  |
| Q25  |  |  |
| Total number of staff directly affected to consumer protection:                      |  |  |
| 5  |  |  |
| Q26  | Yes  |  |
| Do you have a law/decree that governs the main consumer protection authority/agency? |  |  |
| Q27  |  |  |
| If you do, please provide the following details:                                     |  |  |
| URL to law/decree  | http://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-<br>97.pdf |  |

Does your main consumer protection authority/agency have POLICY MAKING powers over any of the following fields?

Consumer rights/legitimate needs,

Product quality,

Redress,

Consumer education,

**Consumer information** 

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#### **Q29**

From your previous answer, your main authority/agency does not have POLICY MAKING powers over the following fields. Please name the relevant authorities/agencies with powers over these fields:

Physical safety Ministry of Health

Voluntary codes for businesses

Bureau of Standards

Water APUA

Pharmaceuticals Ministry of Health

Energy Ministry of Energy

Public utilities APUA

Tourism Ministry of Tourism

Data protection and privacy Ministry of Information

#### Q30 Respondent skipped this question

URL Link of the relevant authority/agency to each field:

## Q31 Consumer rights/legitimate needs,

Does your main consumer protection authority/agency have ENFORCEMENT powers over any of the following fields?

Protection of vulnerable and disadvantaged consumers,

Restrictive business practices (competition/antitrust),

Consumer education,

**Consumer information** 

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## Q32 Respondent skipped this question

From your previous answer, your main consumer protection authority/agency does not have ENFORCEMENT powers over the following fields. Please name the relevant authorities/agencies with powers over these fields:

| Q33   | Respondent skipped this question                    |
|---|---|
| URL Link of the relevant authority/agency to each field:  |   |
| Q34   |   |
| Regarding enforcement, how many infringement cases does   | s your authority/agency handle on average per year? |
| 135   |   |
| Q35   | No  |
| Has your authority/agency imposed sanctions and/or other measures for breaches of consumer protection law(s)? |   |
| Q36   |   |
| Maximum amount for sanction/measure allowed by consum   | ner protection law(s): (in USD)                     |
| 9200  |   |
| Q37   | Respondent skipped this question                    |
| Record highest amount for any sanction/measure imposed: (in USD)  |   |
| Q38   | Respondent skipped this question                    |
| Please detail if necessary, what kind of sanctions and/or other measures are available in your jurisdiction   |   |
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| Q39   | Yes   |
| Are there any non-governmental consumer organizations/associations in your country?                           |   |
| Q40   | No  |
| Do you have a law/decree that governs consumer organizations/associations?                                    |   |
| Q41   | Respondent skipped this question                    |
| In case you have a law/decree that governs consumer organizations, please provide the following details:      |   |
|   |   |

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| Q42  Do consumer organizations/associations fulfil any of the following functions? | Consultation in policy making, Consumer education  |
|--|--|
| Q43  | No   |
| Do consumer groups/associations receive public funding?                            |  |
| Q44  |  |
| Name the three largest non-governmental consumer organiz                           | ations/associations in your jurisdiction:  |
| 1- Name  | Red Cross  |
| 1- Website   | https://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/where-we-<br>work/americas/antigua-and-barbuda-red-cross-society/ |
| 2- Name  | The Gard Center  |
| 2- Website   | http://www.gardc.org/  |
| 3- Name  | Environment Awareness Group  |
| 3- Website   | https://eagantigua.org/page2.html  |
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| Q45  | Yes  |
| Can consumers obtain redress through judicial channels?                            |  |
| Q46  | No   |
| Is there a specialized judicial mechanism for consumer complaints?                 |  |
| Q47  | Respondent skipped this question   |
| If there is, please provide the following details                                  |  |
| Q48  | No   |
| Do you have collective redress/class actions for consumer complaints?              |  |
| Q49  | Consumers individually,  |
| Who can represent consumer interests in court?                                     | Lawyers  |

| Q50 What is the highest damages award following a collective redress/class action?  | Respondent skipped this question |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Page 11: Consumer protection institutions  Q51  Regarding out-of-court/alternative consumer dispute resolution, are there any of the following? | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q52  If there are any of the above, please provide the following details:   | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q53  Are there any CROSS-BORDER out-of-court/alternative consumer dispute resolution initiatives?   | No                               |
| Q54  If there are, please provide the following details:  | Respondent skipped this question |
| Page 12: Consumer protection institutions  Q55  Are there any self-regulation initiatives from businesses?                                      | No                               |
| Q56  Please provide (up to) 4 examples of the self-regulation initiatives from businesses:  | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q57 Are there any co-regulation initiatives between businesses and public entities?   | No                               |
| Q58  Please provide (up to) 4 examples of the co-regulation initiatives between businesses and public entities:                                 | Respondent skipped this question |

Respondent skipped this question

Do self-regulation and/or co-regulation initiatives cover any of the following issues? (Please relate to UNGCP Guideline 11)

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Q60

Respondent skipped this question

What kind and how many international cooperation agreement(s) on consumer protection does your authority/agency participate in?

Q61

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide name and URL link of formal bilateral agreements (treaties):

Q62

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide name and URL link of informal bilateral agreements (memoranda of understanding):

Q63

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide name and URL link of formal multilateral/regionals agreements (treaties) that address consumer protection:

Q64

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide name and URL link of informal multilateral/regionals agreements (memoranda of understanding) that address consumer protection:

Q65

Policy making,

Do cooperation agreements on consumer protection (be those formal/informal/bilateral/regional) cover any of the following fields?

Consumer rights/legitimate needs

**Q66** 

Respondent skipped this question

Does your consumer protection enforcement authority/agency have any of the following powers regarding cross-border fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices affecting consumers?

Q67 No Do you have any experience in cross-border cooperation on enforcement? Q68 Respondent skipped this question If you do, please provide a short description Q69 Do you engage in technical cooperation or capacity building activities on consumer protection? Bilaterally Through an international organization/network As a recipient No No As a donor Q70 Respondent skipped this question If you have engaged in technical cooperation or capacity building activities on consumer protection as a recipient/as donor and/or through an international organization/network, please provide the following details for each initiative Page 14: Consumer protection policies Q71 Yes Does your authority/agency carry out information and education initiatives? Q72 Health, nutrition, prevention of food-borne diseases and food adulteration Do information and education initiatives carried out by your authority/agency cover any of the following fields? Product hazard, Product labelling, Environmental protection, Sustainable consumption Q73 No Does your authority/agency provide specific education and information initiatives for vulnerable and disadvantaged

consumers?

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| Q74  If your authority/agency does, please provide the following details:   | Respondent skipped this question |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Q75  Do consumer organizations/associations provide education and information initiatives?  | No                               |
| Q76 If consumer organizations/associations do, please provide the following details:  | Respondent skipped this question |
| Page 15: Consumer protection policies  Q77  Does your authority/agency conduct research and analysis on consumer protection issues? | No                               |
| Q78  If your authority/agency does, please provide the following details:   | Respondent skipped this question |
| Q79  Do other organizations/associations conduct research and analysis on consumer protection?                                      | No                               |
| Q80  If other organizations/associations do, please provide the following details:  | Respondent skipped this question |