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Introduction: Consumer protection laws refer to a set of rules aimed at stipulating and guarding consumers' rights. It is a field that requires knowledge of different legal areas (contract law, tort law, regulatory law, competition law, etc.). Whereas harmonization efforts, particularly at the European level, have historically concerned substantive consumer laws, European legislation increasingly aligns procedural laws also.

Challenges:

1. E-commerce and Online Consumer Grievances: The e-commerce sector that offers convenience that has never existed, also offers new platforms where both the industry and individuals can lament against not only poor advertising and defective products, but also the data confidentiality. The fact that online transactions are at times and the impossibility to ascertain responsibility of online participants' borders encourages hindrances. The customers themselves tend to be shown misleading advertisements, especially in industries like online hotels where they tend to express dissatisfaction thereof.

2. Data Privacy and Security Concerns:

The gathering and usage of personal information provided by online applications have elevated data protection to the priorities as customers often cannot control the manner in which their data is processed and there is a risk of data violation and algorithmic biases. E-commerce is prone to increased vulnerability to fraud, and identity theft due to the requirement of consumers to convey sensitive fiscal and personal information, making them a target in the face of insufficient security protocols. As a matter of fact, the environment of e-commerce poses serious questions about data protection and privacy matters. The weak links that can be traced include - Data intrusions, identity fraud and the lack of adherence to policies.

3. Misleading Advertisements and Unfair Trade Practices Online: Things are only worsened with the integration of artificial intelligence, which could be used by placing the algorithms that run on AI to produce very manipulating advertisements that capitalize on the vulnerabilities of consumers and increase information asymmetry. New layers of privacy concern consumers about the emergence of artificial intelligence and the application of technology to e-commerce operations, notably, processing user data and creating profit. And this is becoming more efficient in the

way they interact with their customers and provide them with a personalized, retailing experience, chatbots and virtual assistants contribute to the data volumes personal and conductive data, throwing the chance of breaching privacy and data abuse.

4. Consumer Dispute Resolution Mechanisms: The cross-border nature of e-commerce and the organizational frameworks of AI-driven platforms are becoming increasingly problematic with regard to the usefulness of consumer dispute resolution tools in the digital age. The biases establishing the AI model training data may bring discriminative results, making the process of dispute resolving even more challenging than the algorithmic fairness and transparency suggest.

Therefore, it establishes new frameworks of dispute resolution that would be capable of positively chosen and accommodated to the technical control over the global application of AI and the vast market of digital trade to serve consumer interests and foster trust in the digital market.

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