

IN CONSUMER PROTECTION MATTERS BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THROUGH ITS FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,
AND THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA, THROUGH ITS
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE

The Ministry of Economy, Industry, and Commerce of the Republic of Costa Rica
("MEIC") and the Federal Trade Commission of the United States of America ("FTC") (together
the "Participants"),

- C. "Person" means any natural person or legal entity existing under or authorized by the laws of either the United States, its states, or its territories, the laws of Costa Rica, or the laws of other states acting as a consumer or a Provider within, or directing activities toward, the territories of the Participants.
- D. "Provider" means any natural person or legal entity that on a regular or periodical basis offers, promotes, allocates, sells, leases, or grants the use or possession of goods, products, or services.
- E. "Request" means a request for assistance under this Memorandum.
- F. "Requested Participant" means the Participant from which assistance is sought under this

Memorandum, or which has provided such assistance.

- G. "Requesting Participant" means the Participant seeking or receiving assistance under this Memorandum.

Article II – Scope and Purpose of the Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by the MPIO and ITC to...

Article IV – Research Assistance

The Departments recognize that it is in their common interest to share information and

provide assistance that will facilitate coordinated investigations, research, and consumer

and business education, promote a better understanding of community and local

C. This Memorandum is intended to be used solely for the purpose of assistance between the Participants. The provisions of this Memorandum are not intended to give rise to a right on the part of any private person to obtain, suppress, or exclude any Information.

D. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to compel a Person to provide Information in violation of any legally applicable right, privilege, or restriction.

E. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to affect the right of a Participant to seek Information on a voluntary basis or otherwise lawful basis from a Person located in the

territory of the other Participant, nor is it intended to preclude any such Person from voluntarily and lawfully providing Information to a Participant.

Article VI – Requests for Assistance

A. Requests by MEIC should be addressed to: Associate Director, International Division of

D. The Participants should consult with each other regarding a Request in order to work out

availability of the requested information.

Article IV – Changes in Applicable Law

In the event of a significant modification to a Participant's Consumer Protection Laws, the Participants should use their best efforts to consult promptly to determine whether this Memorandum should be amended.

Article X – Return of Information

The Requesting Participant should use its best efforts to keep the shared Information until the conclusion of the investigation or research specified in the Request and should use its best

Article XIII – Review of Memorandum

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Participants. The Participants intend to consult and review the Memorandum on a biannual

~~basis regarding the operation, coordination, and enforcement assistance undertaken~~

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