

CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES AVAILABLE TO CARICOM SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY (CSME) MEMBER STATES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (AS AT MAY 2020)

CSME MEMBER STATE	CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION			
	Misleading Advertisement	Price Controls	Unfair Contracts	Defective Goods
Jamaica	Sections 28 - 30 Consumer Protection Act and section 37 Fair Competition Act - which allows the authorities to challenge false or misleading supplier conduct.	Sections 8(1) of Trade Act - The Trade (Sale of Goods During Period of Declaration of Disaster Area) Order, 2020 - which prohibits the excessive pricing of "necessary goods" in the COVID 19 pandemic.	Sections 38 - 43 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 23 - 25 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
Trinidad & Tobago	Sections 14 - 16 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to monitor misleading consumer trade practices, and upon a finding of such, for the relevant Minister to make an order.	Price of Petroleum Products Order of 1974, last amended 2016.	Sections 14 - 16 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to monitor unfair consumer trade practices, and upon a finding of such, for the relevant Minister to make an order.	Sections 28 - 30 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
Barbados	Sections 12 and 13 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to challenge false or misleading supplier conduct.	Miscellaneous Controls (Control of Prices) (General) Regulations, 1983 (S.I. 1983 No. 29), as amended.	Sections 4 - 9 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 36 - 38 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
Guyana	Sections 31 - 33 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to challenge false or misleading statements in the promotion of goods and services.	n. a	Sections 51 - 56 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 78 - 79 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.

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Belize	Sections 14 - 16 Sale of Goods Act - which allows limited challenges to false or misleading supplier conduct depending on the conditions and warranties in transactions.	Supplies Control (Prices) Regulations of 1987, as amended	No legislation specifically dealing with unfair contract terms.	Standards Act - which allows the authorities to regulate the quality of goods.
Suriname	n. a	Law on Price Setting and Monitoring, SB 1996 No. 021. Decree of 16 September 1980 (repealed, but Annex II – schedule of products, still in force)	n. a	n. a
St. Lucia	Section 81 - 85 Consumer Protection Act - which allows authorities to require disclosure of information to consumers on product labels and trade descriptions.	Price Control Order - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	Section 119 - 121 Consumer Protection Act - which allows authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 131 - 158 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
Grenada	Section 81 - 85 Consumer Protection Act - which allows authorities to require disclosure of information to consumers on product labels and trade descriptions.	Price Control Act - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	Section 119 - 121 Consumer Protection Act - which allows authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 131 - 158 Consumer Protection Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Sections 14 - 16 Sale of Goods Act - which allows limited challenges to false or misleading supplier conduct depending on the conditions and warranties in transactions.	Price & Distribution of Goods Act - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	No legislation specifically dealing with unfair contract terms.	Standards Act - which allows the authorities to regulate the quality of goods.

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Dominica	Sections 14 - 16 Sale of Goods Act - which allows limited challenges to false or misleading supplier conduct depending on the conditions and warranties in transactions.	(a) Supplies Control Building Material (Cement) (Prices) Order 1982, last amended 2012 (b) Supplies Control Petroleum Products (Prices) Order 1980, last amended 2015	No legislation specifically dealing with unfair contract terms.	Standards Act - which allows the authorities to regulate the quality of goods.
Antigua & Barbuda	Sections 15 - 18 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to monitor misleading consumer trade practices, and upon a finding of such, for the relevant Minister to make an order.	Price & Distribution of Goods Act - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	Sections 15 - 18 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to monitor unfair consumer trade practices, and upon a finding of such, for the relevant Minister to make an order.	Sections 30 - 32 Consumer Protection & Safety Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
St. Kitts & Nevis	Sections 34 - 36 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to challenge false or misleading statements in the promotion of goods and services.	Distribution of Goods & Price Control Act - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	Sections 30 - 33 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to challenge unfair contract terms.	Sections 48 - 68 Consumer Affairs Act - which allows the authorities to address the provision of defective goods.
Montserrat	Sections 14 - 16 Sale of Goods Act - which allows limited challenges to false or misleading supplier conduct depending on the conditions and warranties in transactions.	Distribution & Price of Goods Ordinance - which allows the relevant Minister to make an order fixing the maximum retail or wholesale price for specified goods.	No legislation specifically dealing with unfair contract terms.	Weights & Measures Act - which allows the authorities to regulate the quality of goods.

Note: n.a stands for not available.