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Dear Mr Brown

The ambition of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 is to simplify and clarify consumer rights and AMDEA is supportive of the idea that such clarification should also apply to business to business transactions.

However, we are wary of a blanket decision to treat businesses as consumers.

Given that the existing Sale of Goods Act also covered business to business transactions we are not sure why these elements were not included in the Consumer Rights Act 2015. However, since they were not, if the anomaly is to be addressed it will have to be via separate legislation.

Just as an example, the different obligations on consumers and businesses in respect of the WEEE Regulations 2013 demonstrate why it is not as simple as redefining "consumer" to include certain sizes of business.

As we see this definition as a basic tenet of the new Act we have not responded to the questions individually.

Regards

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