



## Travel

EU law was very influential in areas such as package travel, timeshare, contractual rights and compensation for flight delays and cancellations for UK consumers. The UK is no longer bound by any subsequent EU case law.

### THE SITUATION IN 2021

There are many aspects of a consumer's holiday and travel experience that cannot be unilaterally protected by the UK government now it is no longer part of the EU.

## What has changed?

- » All companies selling packages and linked travel arrangements in the UK will have to comply with UK insolvency protection schemes.
- » UK business will have to be aware that EU member states are unlikely to recognise UK insolvency protection. It will be a requirement for UK business to comply with the insolvency regimes across the EU.
- » There will no longer be reciprocal obligations on the UK or EU member states to investigate breaches of consumer law or take forward enforcement actions.
- » Organisers of non-flight packages and facilitators of linked travel arrangements sold in the UK will need to arrange bonding, insurance or a trust account in accordance with UK rules.
- » UK citizens will need a visa for stays of longer than 90 days in the EU in a 180-day period.
- » For UK holidaymakers heading to the EU there will be a new, free, Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC).

## Issues to be resolved

- » Guaranteed free mobile roaming has ended and travellers should check with their network operators.
- » There are still significant questions in relation to the EU-wide civil justice system, and to what extent UK consumers can enforce their rights abroad when it comes to things like timeshares.
- » The COVID-19 crisis is causing unprecedented disruption to international travel and is likely to do so for the foreseeable future.



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