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Revolution or Evolution? The Development of Consumer Protection Law in Contemporary China

Dr. Kristie Thomas China's consumer protection law was first passed in 1993 and was amended significantly in 2013. This article outlines both the original law and the detailed changes in order to consider whether these legal reforms match the consumer "revolution" witnessed in urban consumption patterns since the start of the reform era.

Assessing Seriousness in Repudiatory Breach of Innominate Terms

Chinyere Ezeoke This article evaluates the criteria used by English courts to determine whether a breach of an innominate term is repudiatory. Following a discussion of the *Hongkong Fir* case, the modern context from which different formulations of the repudiation principle developed, two problems with the application of the criteria are considered. The first relates to the use of various formulations which do not necessarily mean the same thing to describe the test. It is argued that the disparity in the formulations leads to inconsistent standards being adopted. The second is that, in applying the criteria, the assessment of the seriousness of a breach varies between spheres of contract law. It is contended that less stringent standards for gauging seriousness makes it easier to establish repudiatory breach in some kinds of contracts than in others.

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