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For more information on the work of Trading Standards services and the possible consequences of not abiding by the law, please see 'Trading Standards: powers, enforcement and penalties'.

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Updated to reflect changes made by Parts 3 and 4 of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024.

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Key legislation

- Consumer Credit Act 1974
- Road Traffic Act 1988
- Price Marking Order 2004
- General Product Safety Regulations 2005
- Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008
- Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008
- Provision of Services Regulations 2009
- Consumer Rights (Payment Surcharges) Regulations 2012
- Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013
- Consumer Rights Act 2015
    - Part 1, Chapter 2
- Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024:
    - Part 3
    - Part 4, Chapter 1 and Chapter 4
    - Schedule 20

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Please note

This information is intended for guidance; only the courts can give an authoritative interpretation of the law.

The guide's 'Key legislation' links go to the legislation.gov.uk website. The site usually updates the legislation to include any amendments made to it. However, this is not always the case. Information on all changes made to legislation can be found by following the above links and clicking on the 'More Resources' tab.

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