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From:
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To: Adjudication
Cc: Barny (Home)
Subject: International AG - Notification

Please accept my submission in relation to the following notification: eBay International AG - Notification
- N93365. I understand that the deadline for submissions was 2 May 2008, but request that you accept a late submission.

The directive by Ebay to restrict payment options is anti-competitive as it does not allow for the full scope of payment options available in the community. Under the current system, there are several options available to the seller, including:

- direct deposit (no cost to the either party)
- money order (cost to the buyer)
- cheque (possibly no cost to either party)
- paypal (cost to the seller)
- COD (cost to buyer)
- payment on pick up of goods (no cost to either party)

The restriction of payment options to only paypal and payment on pick up of goods (which is not always practical) means that the consumer loses choice of how to conduct their affairs and what costs they should pay in conducting their affairs. I do not believe that the argument by ebay of greater security is valid. I have personally conducted nearly 300 transactions as a buyer and seller since June 2006, with the significant majority of transactions outside the paypal system without any problems whatsoever.

Ebay could counter-argue by noting that there are many internet auction sites that could be used, and that those who do not like the new directive can use other sites. However, ebay is the dominant internet auction site - therefore, it can be argued that such a choice is not a real choice for the consumer.

Given that the paypal system is also owned by ebay, there is a perception that the directive has been made as a means of further improving profits made by ebay.

I respectfully request that any identifying information be removed from any publicly available information.

Sincerely,

Name and address excluded

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