



Czech Republic: implementation of the Representative Actions Directive

Act No 179/2024 Coll. on Collective Civil Court Proceedings and Act No 180/2024 Coll. on the Amendment of Certain Laws

The Czech Republic implemented the RAD through paired legislative measures: Act No 179/2024 Coll., establishing the substantive and procedural framework for collective civil proceedings, and Act No 180/2024 Coll., amending related statutes, including the Consumer Protection Act and Code of Civil Procedure. Both measures entered into effect on 1 July 2024, which marked the establishment of collective consumer redress in Czech law. Previous legislation had provided only for injunctive proceedings pursuant to Directive 2009/22/EC, rarely invoked in practice; the 2024 reforms both strengthened that mechanism and introduced compensatory remedies for the first time.

Responsibility for implementation lies with the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Industry and Trade administers the register of qualified entities. Coverage extends beyond the Directive's Annex I to encompass any trader conduct harmful to collective consumer interests. Proceedings operate on an opt-in model requiring a minimum participation of ten individuals. Eligibility extends not only to natural persons (consumers) but also to small enterprises employing fewer than ten persons with annual turnover or balance sheet totals below CZK 50 million (approximately EUR 2 million).

Qualified entities must demonstrate at least twelve months of active consumer protection work and non-profit status. They receive exemption from court fees but bear litigation costs and risk liability for adverse costs awards. Successful claimants may receive remuneration capped at either 16% of recovered sums or a flat fee of CZK 2.5 million (approximately EUR 100,000). Third-party litigation funding operates subject to judicial oversight designed to identify conflicts of interest. By late 2025, only two organisations had secured registration on both Czech and European qualified entity lists. As of February 2026, a redress action involving 56 consumers, the first Czech class action, has now concluded with restitution of CZK 1.6 million in total.

For official texts:

<https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2024-179> (Act 179/2024); <https://www.zakonyprolidi.cz/cs/2024-180> (Act No 180/2024)

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