

# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK



Since 1867, the National Chamber of Commerce and Services of Uruguay has brought together businesspeople from a wide range of sectors. It currently gathers more than 15,000 direct and indirect member companies and more than 120 sectorial and regional unions throughout the country.

::Website:: [www.cnscs.com.uy/](http://www.cnscs.com.uy/)



The Center of Retail Grocers, Baristas, Self-Service Stores, and Allied Trade of Uruguay (CAMBADU, for its acronym in Spanish) is a business association founded in 1892, which has 3,000 members. Its role is to represent, defend, and promote the food retail trade.

::Website:: [www.cambadu.com.uy/](http://www.cambadu.com.uy/)



The Uruguayan Federation of Commerce and Service Employees (FUECYS, for its acronym in Spanish) brings together the workers of the sector. The federation has had a substantial increase in its membership in recent years due to the recent inclusion of supermarket workers. While in 2005 it had 5,000 members, it currently has over 30,000.

::Website:: [www.fuecys.org/](http://www.fuecys.org/)



The Consumer Defense Agency was created by Act 17,250. It is the national authority in charge of overseeing compliance with the provisions set forth therein and reports to the General Commerce Directorate of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF).

::Website:: [consumidor.mef.gub.uy/](http://consumidor.mef.gub.uy/)



The Consumer Defense Agency has developed the Consumer Price Information System (SIPC, for its acronym in Spanish), which contains a history of daily prices of a group of products that are important in the household spending of Uruguayan families. These prices are collected in more than 350 supermarkets and self-service stores throughout the country, and in 11 food markets in Montevideo.

::Website:: [www.precios.uy/](http://www.precios.uy/)



Comisión de Promoción y  
Defensa de la Competencia

It operates as a decentralized entity within the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) since 2009, with the appointment of its three members by the Executive Power acting in the Council of Ministers. Its main purpose is to ensure compliance with the objectives of the Antitrust Act, for which it has the power to issue rules and instructions, conduct studies and investigations, as well as request information, among other tasks.

::Website:: [competencia.mef.gub.uy/](http://competencia.mef.gub.uy/)



**A.S.U.**  
ASOCIACIÓN de  
SUPERMERCADOS  
del URUGUAY

The Association of Supermarkets of Uruguay (ASU) is the entity that associates the main retailers in the distribution sector: supermarket chains, supermarkets, and independent self-service stores.

::Website:: [www.asu.org.uy](http://www.asu.org.uy)



LIUDECO  
LIGA URUGUAYA DE DEFENSA DEL CONSUMIDOR

LIUDECO was founded in 1983 and is the first Uruguayan organization dedicated to the defense of Consumer Rights. LIUDECO is a member of Consumers International, a worldwide organization of consumer protection and defense institutions, and a founding member of the Latin American Consumers Organization.



**LIDECO**  
Liga de Defensa Comercial

LIDECO was founded in 1915, bringing together companies from different areas of business to constitute a representative body of national commerce and industry that, through commercial information, legal advice, and by representing companies in matters of delinquent collections or bankruptcy, would make positive contributions to the improvement of commerce and the prevention of commercial risk.

::Website:: [www.lideco.com/lideco/](http://www.lideco.com/lideco/)



CÁMARA  
DE LA ECONOMÍA  
DIGITAL DEL URUGUAY

The Digital Economy Chamber of Uruguay brings together the main players involved in the national digital economy, both from the public and private sectors. It gathers the associated companies and coordinates, organizes, and promotes their activities. It also

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represents them before public authorities and official and private organizations, both at the national and international levels.

::Website:: <https://www.cedu.org.uy/>

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