## A Global Overview on the Rules for ODR

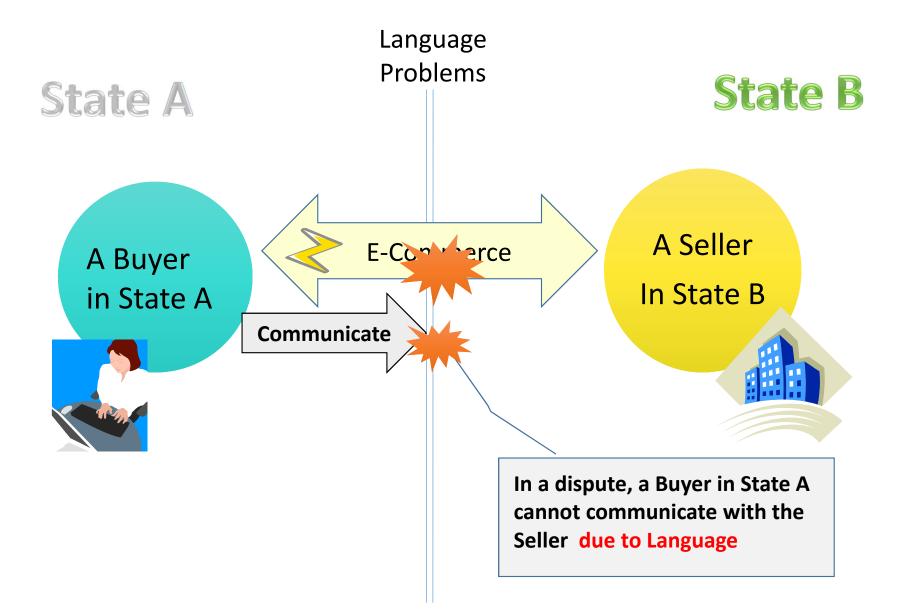
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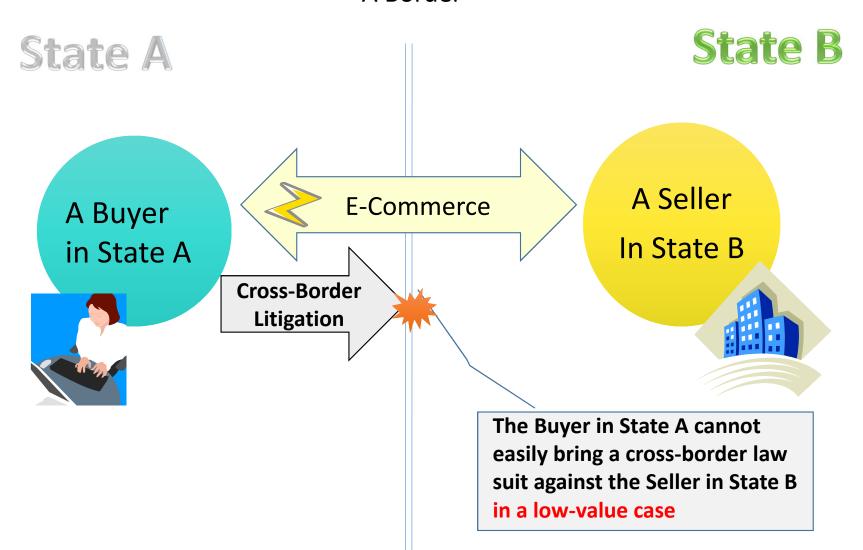
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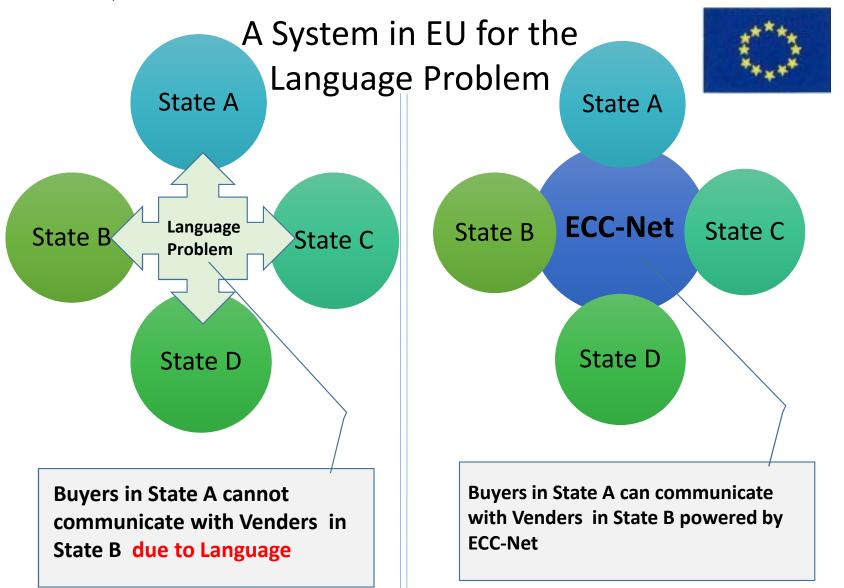


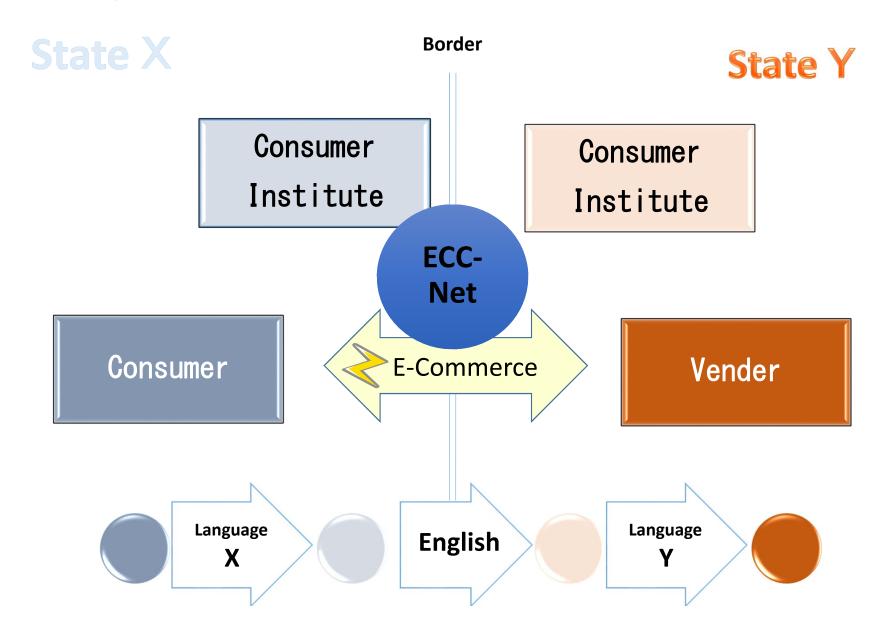
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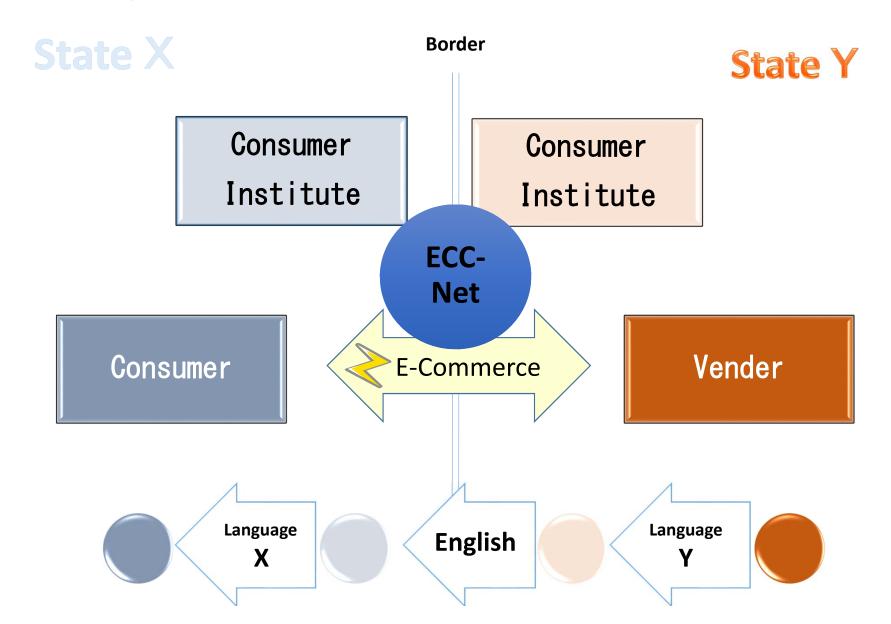
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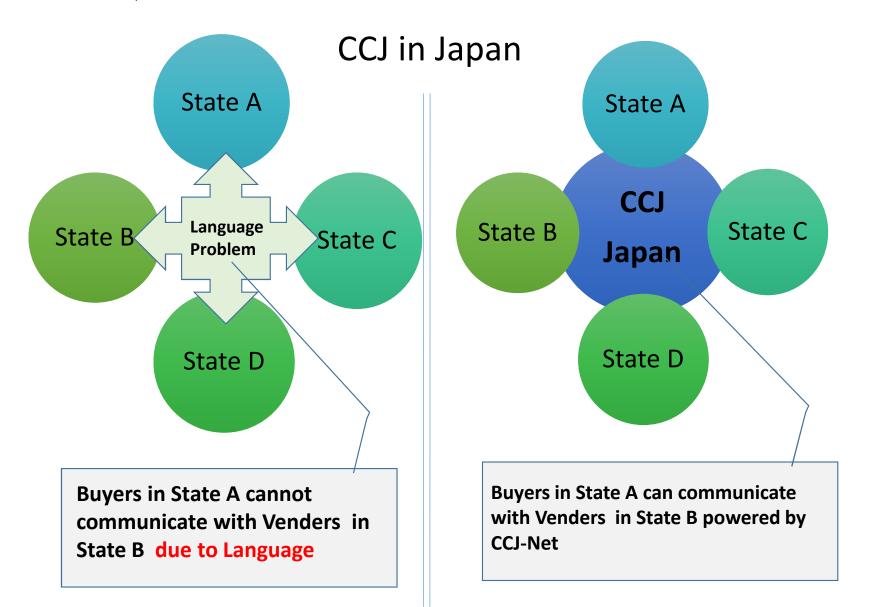
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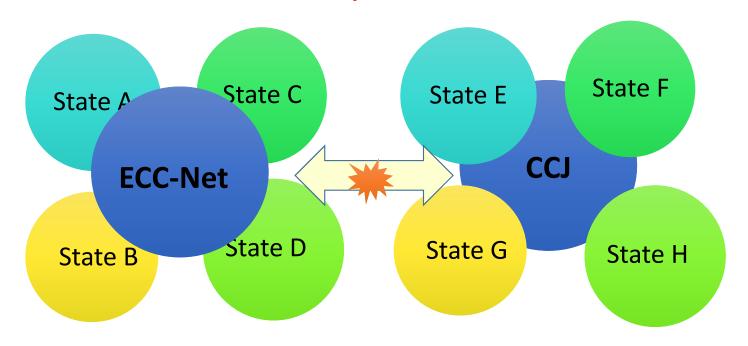


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#### Inside Rules of the Systems are different!

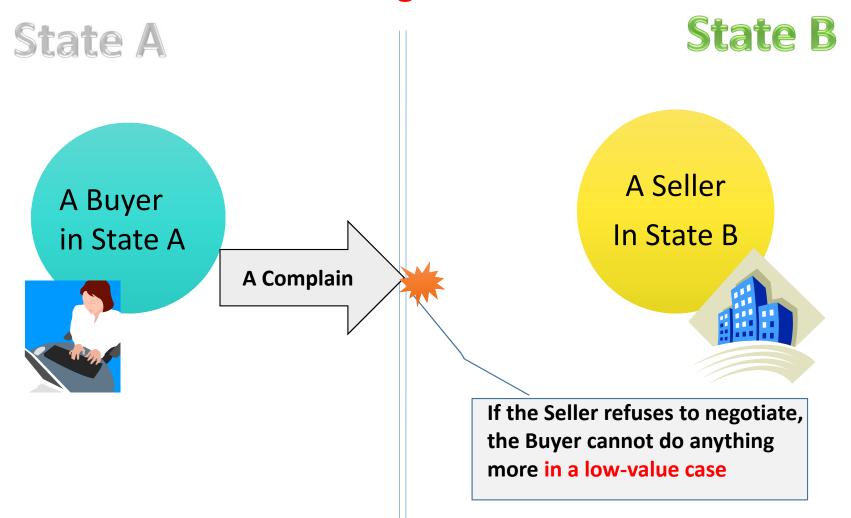






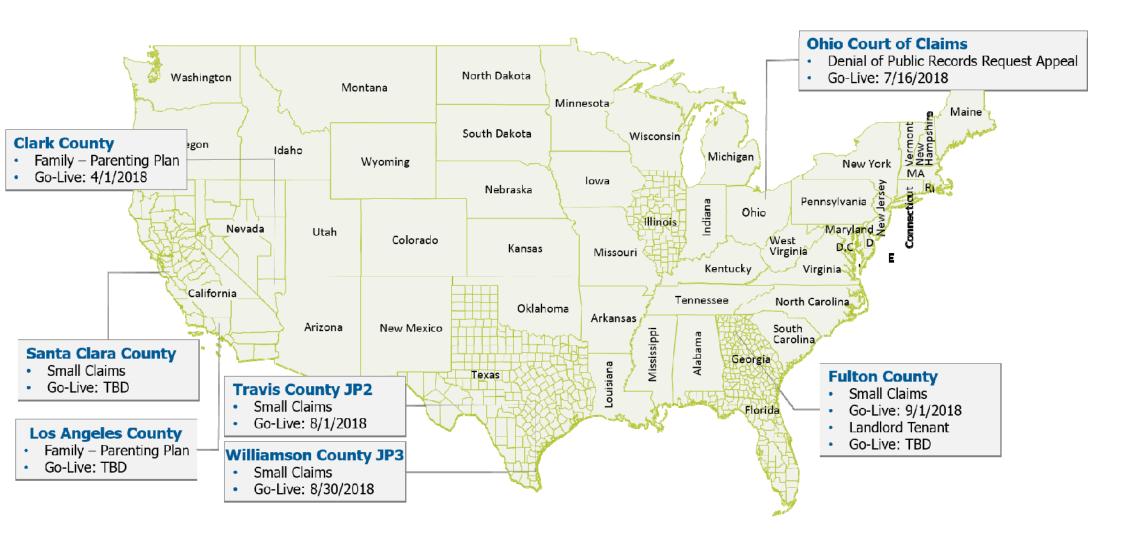


#### In a Case of Negotiation Refused



- ODR was originally developed to meet the needs of private sectors, especially platformers like eBay and PayPal.
- eBay ODR resolutions as an example:
  - 60+ million disputes per year
  - 50% resolved amicably
  - 90% resolved in software with no human intervention
  - Extrajudicial process, with 100% private enforcement of outcomes

- ODR Process of MODRIA as an example:
  - Negotiation
  - Mediation
  - Arbitration or Adjudication
  - Extrajudicial process, with 100% private enforcement of outcomes
- The technology has been used not only for e-commerce disputes but for various types of disputes including family matters.
- The technology has been used not only in ADR but in Courts.

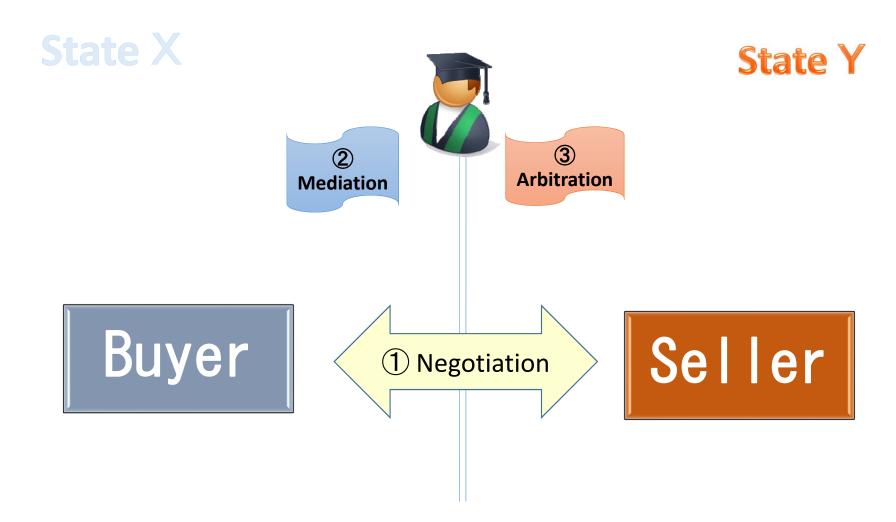


- According to a statistic, consumers of the platformers who experienced the platformers' ODR system tend to use much more services of the platformers after the experiences of ODR.
- Now many private ODR service providers has emerged and are providing their services all over the United States.

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At the beginning stage, UN ODR Uniform Rules for B2B and B2C were tried to establish:

- 1) Three steps approach:
  - 1 Negotiation (Complains Handlings)
    - > 2 Mediation
      - > (3) Arbitration
- 2) All processes will be basically conducted by On-line based documents
- 3) Simple & Quick Process for Low Value Disputes



At the beginning stage, UN Online Arbitration Rules were tried to established:

- 1) A single arbitrator chosen by ODR Administrator
- 2) All awards shall or should be in public on web-site except private information
- 3) Substantial Enforcement by Trustmark system
- 4) World-wide Uniform Rules for the Merits!

But ... gradually ... a serious issue appeared:

Validity of the Arbitration Agreement between a Consumer and a Business Corporation

US and other countries: Of course, it's valid!

EU, Japan and other countries:

Consumer has a cancel right!

Consumer

**State** X

**Always** Valid **Pre-Dispute** Arbitration Agreement Consumers have a cancel right

**State Y** 

Vender

Regulations in EU (and Japan):

Since A Consumer should not be removed its right to go to Courts, the Consumer shall have a right to cancel the Pre-Dispute Arbitration Agreement

ex. ADR Directive 2013/11/EU ODR Regulation 524/2013

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#### **UNCITRAL** Technical Notes on ODR

http://www.uncitral.org/pdf/english/texts/odr/V1700382\_English\_ Technical Notes on ODR.pdf

- No Legal Effect
- Three Steps but No Explanation about the Third Step

## V. A New ODR Project at APEC

EU is now establishing its own ODR platform.

But others still need uniform rules and schemes for the global ODR platform with negotiation and the third party's interventions.

APEC was regarded as a desirable forum to establish another global ODR platform without EU.

B to C issues would be avoided, at least, at the beginning stage.

# V. A New ODR Project at APEC

[Schedule of the New ODR Project at APEC]

August 2017 A Project of the ODR was proposed at Vietnam

March 2018 An ODR Workshop was held in Papua New Guinea

July 2018 An ODR Workshop was held at Jakarta by Indonesia

August 2018 The Project was discussed at the EC in Papua New Guinea

November 2018 A Two-Days ODR Workshop will be held at Osaka

Spring 2019 Another Workshop & EC Meeting will be held in Chile

# V. A New ODR Project at APEC

[Possible Future Products by the New ODR Project at APEC]

A Standard ODR Platform for the Harmonization will be proposed. Uniform ODR Rules will be proposed.

They will be based on or inspired by the UNCITRAL Technical Notes on ODR, other UNCITRAL Legal Instruments and the Discussions and Tentative Drafts which was made at the UNCITRAL ODR WG.

A Pilot Program is supposed to be launched after the Chile Meeting.

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