

'POINTLESS PAPERWORK' OR NECESSARY? MIXED VIEWS OVER GERMANY'S NEW 'RECEIPT OBLIGATION'

But she also notices that barely any customers take the receipt with them when they stock up on sausages or schnitzel. "We throw them all away," she says.

In a Düsseldorf pharmacy, too, the trash cans are full of white slips of paper, a scene that's probably similar to several other places across the Bundesrepublik, as shown by photos being shared on social networks.



A receipt with your roll?

'Put an end to this nonsense'

The obligation to give a receipt is undoubtedly controversial. Why? Well, because of the additional cost, bureaucracy and the increased volume of waste.

Economic Minister Peter Altmaier, of the centre-right Christian Democrats, even said there should be some exemptions to the law.

Meanwhile, the Free Democrats (FDP) are demanding that the Bundestag change the law so that they can "put an end to this nonsense as soon as possible", according to the party's Christian Dürr.

However, the Finance Ministry has not yet been shaken by the pressure.