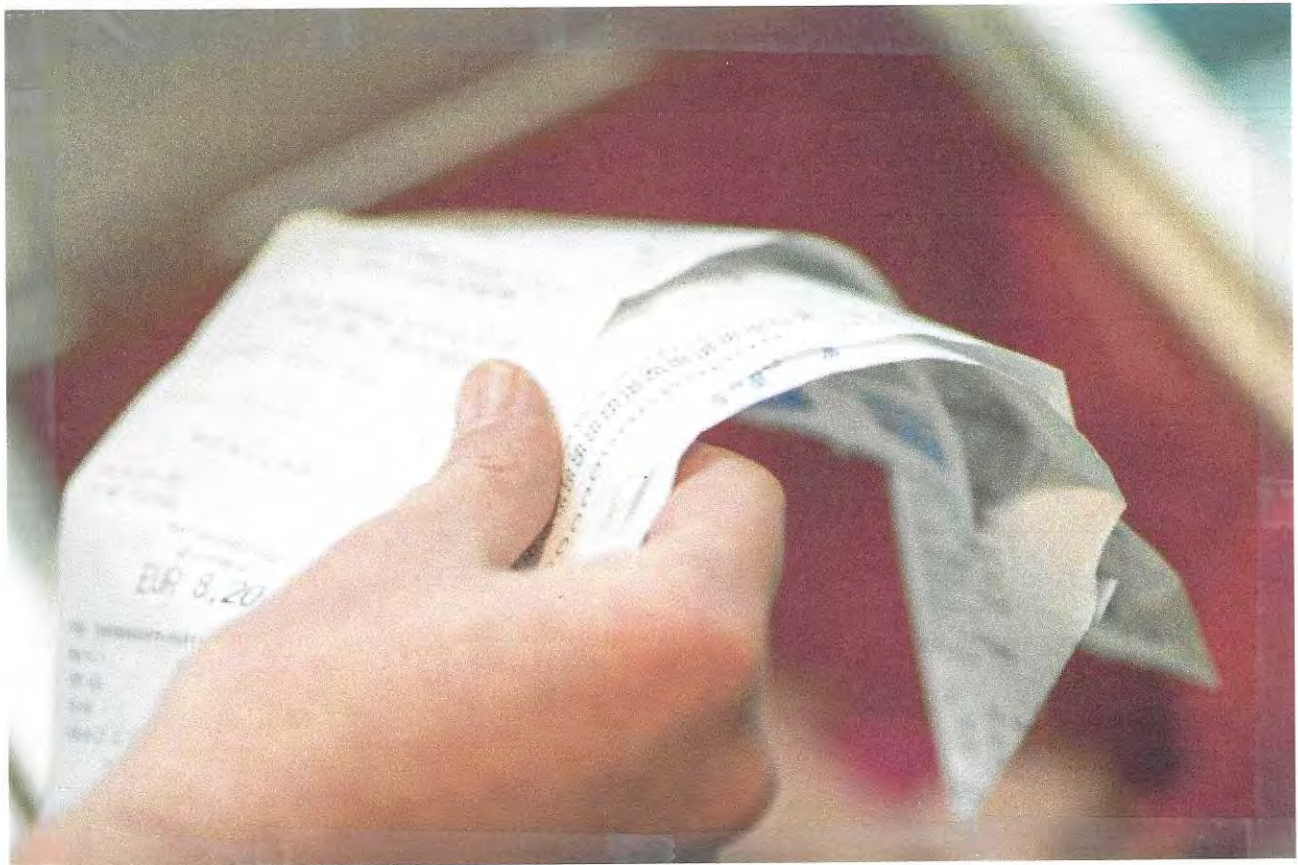


'POINTLESS PAPERWORK' OR NECESSARY? MIXED VIEWS OVER GERMANY'S NEW 'RECEIPT OBLIGATION'



The authority pointed out that the receipts can also be issued by e-mail to a mobile phone. The SPD believes the ball is in the the retail trade's court.

"Businesses are called upon to develop practical solutions to this problem," said the SPD's Lothar Binding. There are apps, for example, which already exist to digitally transfer receipts.

The dilemma facing retailers is on the mind of Sonay Sertel, a kiosk employee from Düsseldorf.

"Today there are apps for everything – and then all of a sudden, so much paper." But when buying beer at a food or drink kiosk, a receipt issued to a mobile phone seems even more absurd than the receipt on paper, Sertel adds.