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Article 17

An offer, even if it is irrevocable, is terminated when a rejection reaches the offeror.

1. Article 17 states that an offer terminates when a rejection reaches the offeror. This is true whether or not the offer is irrevocable. Article 24 defines when a revocation “reaches” the offeror. Although article 17 has been cited,¹ there are no reported cases interpreting it.

¹ Landgericht Oldenburg, Germany, 28 February 1996, Unilex (citing arts. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19).

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