



Recommendation of the Council on Cross-Border Co-operation in the Enforcement of Laws against Spam

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The Recommendation on Cross-Border Co-operation in the Enforcement of Laws against Spam was adopted by the OECD Council on 13 April 2006 on the proposal of the Committee on Consumer Policy and the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (now called Digital Policy Committee). This Recommendation was developed in view of the potential for economic and social harm caused by spam, and the potential for further problems as a result of the convergence of communication technologies and the emergence of ubiquitous communications and a mobile Internet. With the growing volume of cross-border complaints and investigations on spam and spam-related threats, this Recommendation recognises cross-border co-operation in the enforcement of legislation against spam as a fundamental element to overcome the challenges to information gathering and sharing, facilitate timely investigative assistance, and correctly identify enforcement priorities, in order to develop an effective international enforcement framework. Hence the Recommendation calls Adherents to establish an effective framework of laws, Spam Enforcement Authorities, and practices for the enforcement of Laws Connected with Spams and establishes a framework for Spam Enforcement Authorities to cooperate with foreign Spam Enforcement Authorities.

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