



JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY OF CANADA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS OF AUSTRALIA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ANTI-SPAM POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY OF CANADA and THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS OF AUSTRALIA have reached the following understandings:

Telecommunications and information technology, including the Internet, are key enablers in the development of both economies. Spam poses a potential threat to this economic development. It must be made clear that spam has no legitimate role in the Canadian or Australian e-economy.

The Department of Industry of Canada and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts of Australia see mutual benefit in strengthening friendship and cooperation between their two countries through cooperation concerning anti-spam policies and strategies. The aim is to support international cooperation in and among a variety of organizations such as the OECD, ITU, APEC, UNCTAD, IETF, ICPEN.

Under this Joint Statement, co-operation in matters of mutual interest will be able to take place through the exchange of ideas, information, personnel, skills and experience and collaborative activities that will be of benefit to both sides. Because spam has implications for many groups of stakeholders, every effort will be made to ensure that all interested policy, regulatory and enforcement agencies are consulted as appropriate. Particular areas of co-operation include:

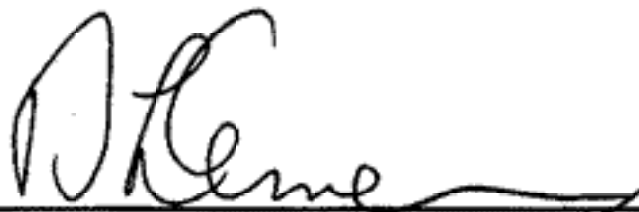
- a) Exchanging information about anti-spam policies and strategies, security issues and other identified areas of interest to both sides;
- b) Encouraging the adoption of effective anti-spam technologies and network management practices, through industry codes of practice, by Canadian and Australian Internet Service Providers and major business network managers;
- c) Supporting Canadian and Australian marketers in adopting spam-free marketing techniques;

- d) Identifying and promoting user practices and behaviours which can effectively control and limit spam and supporting the development of multi-stakeholder public information and awareness campaigns to foster increased adoption of anti-spam practices and behaviours by end users in Canada and Australia;
- e) Cooperating to strengthen anti-spam initiatives being considered in international fora.

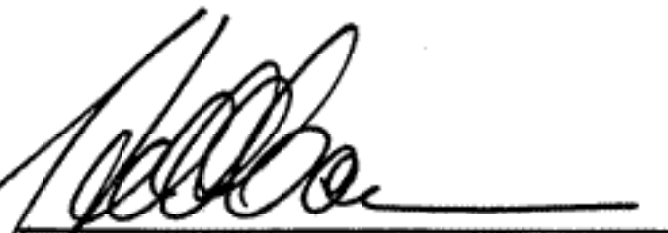
The cooperative activities carried out under this Joint Statement will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of each side.

This Joint Statement becomes effective on the date of signing.

Signed in duplicate at Ottawa/Canberra on the 15th day of April, 2005, in the English and French languages, each version being equally valid.



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