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An Act to provide for the control of spam, which is unsolicited commercial communications sent in bulk by email or by text or multimedia messaging to mobile telephone numbers, and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

- 1. This Act is the Spam Control Act 2007.

General interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “address-harvesting software” means software that is specifically designed or marketed for use for —
 - (a) searching the Internet for electronic addresses; and
 - (b) collecting, compiling, capturing or otherwise harvesting those electronic addresses;
 - “Authority” means the Info-communications Media Development Authority established by section 3 of the Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016;

“business day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

“dictionary attack” means the method by which the electronic address of a recipient is obtained using an automated means that generates possible electronic addresses by combining names, letters, numbers, punctuation marks or symbols into numerous permutations;

“electronic address” means an email address, an instant messaging account or a mobile telephone number to which an electronic message can be sent;

“instant messaging account” means an account of a user of an instant messaging service;

“instant messaging service” means a messaging service that allows a user to exchange messages with other users who are using the service concurrently;

“Internet access service provider” means a person who provides a service to give the public access to the Internet;

“recipient”, in relation to an electronic message, means an authorised user of the electronic address to whom the message is sent, and where a recipient of an electronic message has one or more electronic addresses in addition to the address to which the message was sent, the recipient is treated as a separate recipient with respect to each such address;

“sender”, in relation to an electronic message, means a person who sends the message, causes the message to be sent, or authorises the sending of the message;

“unsubscribe request” means a request by a recipient of an electronic message, requesting the sender to stop sending any further electronic messages to the recipient’s electronic address.

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