

Human Resources Legislative Update

Information Bulletins on Anti-spam Legislation Published

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[Two information bulletins have been published](#) by the Canadian Radio-Television Communications Commission (CRTC) to help businesses better understand [Bill C-28](#), the federal anti-spam legislation. The bulletins include, among other things, examples of acceptable practices.

[As previously reported](#), Bill C-28 enacts comprehensive anti-spam legislation and specifically amends the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* ("PIPEDA") to prohibit the collection of personal information by means of unauthorized access to computer systems, and the unauthorized compiling of lists of electronic addresses.

The [CRTC had previously announced](#) that on March 7, 2012, [Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations \(CRTC\)](#) were registered. The *Regulations* prescribe the information to be included in commercial electronic messages, the form of commercial electronic messages and the information to be included in a request for consent. As well, specified functions of computer programs must be separately brought to the attention of the person from whom consent is being sought and a written acknowledgement from that person, stating that they understand and agree that the program performs the specified functions, must be obtained.

The *Regulations* come into force on the day sections 6 to 11 and subsection 64(2) of Bill C-28 come into force.

Bill C-28 has not yet been proclaimed into force (with the exception of certain amendments to the PIPEDA).