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An Act to make provision for securing computer material against unauthorised access or modification and for matters related thereto.

[3/2013; 9/2018]

[30 August 1993]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Computer Misuse Act 1993.

[3/2013; 9/2018]

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“computer” means an electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or other data processing device, or a group of such interconnected or related devices, performing logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes any data storage facility or communications facility directly related to or operating in conjunction with such device or group of such interconnected or related devices, but does not include —

- (a) an automated typewriter or typesetter;
- (b) a portable hand-held calculator;
- (c) a similar device which is non-programmable or which does not contain any data storage facility; or
- (d) such other device as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe;

“computer output” or “output” means a statement or representation (whether in written, printed, pictorial, graphical or other form) purporting to be a statement or representation of fact —

- (a) produced by a computer; or

- (b) accurately translated from a statement or representation so produced;

“computer service” includes computer time, data processing and the storage or retrieval of data;

“damage” means, except for the purposes of section 17, any impairment to a computer or the integrity or availability of data, a program or system, or information, that —

- (a) causes loss aggregating at least \$10,000 in value, or such other amount as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe except that any loss incurred or accrued more than one year after the date of the offence in question must not be taken into account;
- (b) modifies or impairs, or potentially modifies or impairs, the medical examination, diagnosis, treatment or care of one or more persons;
- (c) causes or threatens physical injury or death to any person; or
- (d) threatens public health or public safety;

“data” means representations of information or of concepts that are being prepared or have been prepared in a form suitable for use in a computer;

“electromagnetic, acoustic, mechanical or other device” means any device, apparatus or program that is used or is capable of being used to intercept any function of a computer;

“function” includes logic, control, arithmetic, deletion, storage and retrieval and communication or telecommunication to, from or within a computer;

“intercept”, in relation to a function of a computer, includes listening to or recording a function of a computer, or acquiring the substance, meaning or purport thereof;