

Computer Misuse (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Computer Misuse Act (Chapter 50A of the 1998 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Computer Misuse (Amendment) Act 2003 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New section 12A

2. The Computer Misuse Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 12, the following section:

“Composition of offences

12A.—(1) The Commissioner of Police or any person authorised by him may, in his discretion, compound any offence under this Act which is prescribed as a compoundable offence by collecting from a person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence a sum not exceeding \$3,000.

(2) The Minister may make regulations to prescribe the offences which may be compounded.”.

New section 15A

3. The Computer Misuse Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 15, the following section:

“Preventing or countering threats to national security, etc.

15A.—(1) Where the Minister is satisfied that it is necessary for the purposes of preventing or countering any threat to the national security, essential services, defence or foreign relations of Singapore, the Minister may, by a certificate under his hand, authorise any person or organisation specified in the certificate to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent or counter any threat to a computer or computer service or any class of computers or computer services.

(2) The measures referred to in subsection (1) may include, without limitation, the exercise by the authorised person or organisation of the powers referred to in section 15.

(3) Where an offence is disclosed in the course of or pursuant to the exercise of any power under this section —

- (a) no information for that offence shall be admitted in evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings; and
- (b) no witness in any civil or criminal proceedings shall be obliged —
 - (i) to disclose the name, address or other particulars of any informer who has given information with respect to that