

<p>IM/IT Architecture & Standards Manual STANDARD</p> <p>Office of the Chief Information Officer Province of British Columbia</p>	<p>Effective Date: 2006-11-15 Scheduled Review: Annual Last Updated: Last Reviewed: 2009-01</p> <p>Type: Product Standard</p>
<p>1.0 APPROPRIATE USE OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES (CPPM 12.3.1)</p>	
<p>1.1 Use of Websense® for Internet Filtering</p>	
<p>Keywords:</p>	

Description of Standard

This standard defines the use of Websense® for Internet use filtering and tracking within ministries and government agencies.

Where to Apply This Standard

The Websense® solution has been implemented by SSBC in order to provide a monitoring capability for appropriate business web content between the Internet and the government network.

Authority and Exemptions

This standard has been issued by the OCIO in accordance with CPPM Chapter 12.3.1, *Appropriate Use of Government Information*. Specifically, the policy states that users of government information technology must not:

- obtain files from unauthorized or questionable non-government sources (e.g., racist material, pornography, file swapping sites);
- access Internet sites that might bring the public service into disrepute or harm government's reputation, such as those that carry offensive material;
- access radio stations or video clips (typically referred to as "streaming" audio or video) over the Internet, unless the access is work-related and authorized;
- download non-work related files, such as Freeware, Shareware, movie or music files;

If there are compelling business reasons why an organization is unable to comply with this architecture or standard, the organization's CIO may authorize a submission for exemption through the ASB.

Metrics and Enforcement

The intention of the OCIO is to advertise and promote this standard as being mandatory throughout government. However, in order to effectively manage appropriate use of government resources, ministries and other provincial agencies are expected to adopt and monitor compliance to this standard.

Terms and Definitions

Any IM/IT security and network terms in this document will be included in a Consolidated Glossary which is under development by the OCIO.

References

1. Policies related to the appropriate use of government resources can be found within the Core Policy and Procedures Manual:
www.fin.gov.bc.ca/ocg/fmb/manuals/CPM/12_Info_Mgmt_and_Info_Tech.htm#1231
and in the IM/IT Chapter 12 Supplemental Manual at:
www.cio.gov.bc.ca/local/cio/about/documents/cpm12.pdf.
2. The *Websense® Exemption Request* form is located on an internal BC Government website. For more information please contact:
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Additional Information

The Information Security Branch, OCIO, is the owner of this standard. Its website is at www.cio.gov.bc.ca.

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