

US corporate law weekly news: indefinite suspension of Canada's anti-spam legislation's private right of action

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On June 7, 2017, the Canadian government indefinitely suspended the private right of action under the Canadian anti-spam legislation (CASL) that was to come into effect on July 1, 2017. The CASL would have allowed for recovery in private suits of actual damages and up to \$1 million per day in penalties.

These weighty remedies fueled broad-based concerns from businesses, charities and the non-profit sector about the burden and impact that the private right of action provisions would have, which ultimately lead to the suspension of its implementation. Going forward, the Canadian government is seeking a parliamentary committee to review the legislation, but will continue to enforce the other CASL provisions.

For more information, see https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/06/government_of_canadasuspendslawsuitprovisioninanti-spamlegislati.html.