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CSE MANDATE

1. Signals Intelligence

2. Information and Technology Security

3. Support to federal law enforcement and security agencies
LEGISLATIVE LIMITATIONS

Signals intelligence shall not be directed at Canadians (in Canada or any place in the world) or any person in Canada; and

Such activities shall be subject to measures to protect the privacy of Canadians in the use and retention of intercepted information.

Additionally, CSE cannot be used to circumvent any law applicable to the agencies being supported.
CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION

1. The interception will be directed at foreign entities located outside Canada;

2. The information to be obtained could not reasonably be obtained by other means;

3. The expected foreign intelligence value of the information that would be derived from the interception justifies it; and

4. Satisfactory measures are in place to protect the privacy of Canadians and to ensure that private communications will only be used or retained if they are essential to international affairs, defence or security.