

Dear IDA,

I think enough has been said about the adv and disadv of opt in vs opt out.

From values for E-commerce to just replying 1 email and get yourself hooked to many other spam emails. I just want to bring out this point, is IDA prepared for a backlash from most internet users once the OPT out is passed?

I have no qualms in replying to businesses in singapore to opt out because I can be sure they can be nailed if they sell my email elsewhere or continue to spam my address. I can even pay a visit to their business/office and drag their manager to IDA.

But how in the world is the average singaporean going to distinguish a spam from a local company vs spam from overseas? Is IDA assuming too much?

With an OPT OUT concept, spammers are very happy. Why? Because local spammers can continue to spam indiscriminately while overseas spammer will be extremely happy because a good proportion of users cannot distinguish local from overseas spam and thus they will receive a higher volume of "confirmed" emails, all due to the stupid opt out law will inadvertently duped average internet users.

The OPT OUT law is a key enabler for spammers to confirm emails.

The welfare of the majority and average internet users should come first, not the money making businesses.

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