

Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones

**In accordance with the Memo of H.E. Dean of Information Technology, No. 47/306 on 19-07-1433 Hijri, Regarding: "Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones"**

**And in accordance with the Memo of H.E. the Vice President for studies, development and community services, No. 5/1/2039 on 15-07-1433 Hijri, Regarding: "Referring to the Memo of H.E. University President No. 2/570 on: 01-07-1433 Hijri, Regarding: "Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones"**

**Is accompanied by a memo of H.E. the University President, No. 2/570 on: 01-07-1433 Hijri, Regarding: "Referring to the telegram of H.E. Minister of Higher Education No. 70316 on 09-06-1433 Hijri, Regarding: "Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones".**

**Which Annexed by a telegram of H.E. Minster of Higher Education, No. 70316, on: 09-06-1433 Hijri, and the text of the telegram is as follows:**

**Telegram**

**Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**Ministry of Higher Education**

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**Deputy Ministry for Planning and Information**

**Directorate General for Information Technology**

**H.E. President of King Faisal University, Esteemed**

**Assalam Alikum Wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Brkatuh:**

**We have received a copy of the telegram of His Excellency the President of the Royal Private Secretary to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, No. 29140, on: 15-06-1433 Hijri, Attached (with a copy of attachments) of Council of Ministers Resolution No. (185) on: 09-06-1433 Hijri, Regarding: Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones. Where the resolution has been on the decision. And His Excellency ordered to complete the necessary system needed.**

**We hope that you look at this issue, and take necessary action regarding the contents of the decision referred to above.**

**greetings to Your Excellency**

Minister of Higher Education

Dr. Khaled bin Mohammed Al-Anqri.

**Which Annexed by a telegram of His Excellency the Head of the Royal Private Secretary to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, No. 29140 and the date of 15-06-1433 Hijri, And the text of the telegram as follows:**

Telegram

**Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**Royal Court**

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Circulation

**Sir: His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, may God protect him**

**Copy: for each ministry and government Agency**

**And on each party to inform its affiliates or related**

**Assalam Alikum Wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Brkatuh:**

**I send to your Highness - God bless you - a copy of the Council of Ministers Resolution No. (185) on: 09-06-1433 Hijri, Regarding: Security measures for ensuring that no Spy equipment are installed on laptops which are supplied to government agencies, specially the sensitive ones.**

**And where the decision has been approved on the resolution .. I hope your Highness honors - which required the completion of the matter .. Please accept Your Highness my best regards and appreciation.,,,,**

Chief of the Royal

The Private Secretary to the Custodian of the  
Two Holy Mosques

Khaled bin Abdulaziz Altoygry

**Which annexed by a copy of the Council of Ministers Resolution No. (185) and the date of 09-6-1433 Hijri, And the text of the resolution as follows:**

**Resolution No. (185) on: 09-06-1433 Hijri**

### **The Council of Ministers**

**Having reviewed the transaction number 61557 dated 18/12/1432 AH, received from the Royal Cabinet containing the telegram of the Ministry of Defense #1/1/3/24324 dated 21/11/1432 AH regarding the recommendations of the committee formed per the Royal Order No. (2915 / m b) dated 15/5/1432 AH to study the issue of making sure that security measures have been taken to ensure that the laptops that are supplied to government agencies and in particular the sensitive ones, are not loaded with espionage equipment;**

**Having also reviewed decisions of the Council of Ministers #(194), dated 10/6/1428AH,#(81) dated 19/3/1430AH,and #(82) dated 22/3/1431 AH;**

**Having also reviewed minutes #(138), dated 7/3/1433AH prepared by the Panel of Experts of the Council of Ministers;**

**Having also reviewed the recommendation of the Council of Ministers General Committee #(337) dated 26/4/1433AH;**

**Decides the following:**

- 1- Each government entity to ensure the security of information and communication through the establishment of a separate department for this or assign one of the existing departments, according to the authority deems appropriate, in order to do the following tasks:**
  - A. Make sure to follow the implementation of adopted security policies and procedures and develop them according to the needs of each government sector to ensure a comprehensive constant survey of the dangers that computers, networks and communications used in the government agency may be exposed to.**
  - B. Make a security survey on the personnel working in the field of networks and information technology to make sure that the adopted security policies are not violated.**
  - C. Make sure that the latest technical standards are applied to ensure safe handling of confidential data.**
  - D. Awareness of the importance of information security, communication and coordination with the Guiding Centre for Information Security in the Communications and Information Technology Corporation in order to consolidate efforts at the national level to raise the level of security of electronic transactions and to protect the**

**infrastructure and electronic services from the dangers that threaten the security of information.**

**E. Pparticipation in seminars and conferences to benefit from international and local experience with respect to information security.**

**F. Application of instructions on the non-use of computers containing information classified as sensitive - available in official business - to access the World Wide Web (Internet).**

**G. monitor the movement of the flow of information from the information system of the third-party to the outside and conduct of statistical processes to know which sites they copy their data to and link these statistics to the content of the copied files to find out the scope of the concerns of the copying body to take necessary action in the matter, taking into account the protection of privacy and the approval of the authorized person on that.**

**2- The King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology studies the process and technical research to a random sample of computers available in local markets to make sure they are free of the equipment and modified software and display the results of the examinations and tests to the concerned security authorities noting that these examinations and tests do not absolve the government from its responsibilities to examine their devices and equipment.**

**3- Alert students on scholarships and trainees and participants in the conferences from government sectors, agencies and**

**national companies - in the event of giving them computers by the authority responsible for these tasks outside the kingdom - not to put any sensitive information about the Kingdom or entity to which they belong and limit the work in these devices on the topics of study or course or conference – as the case may be.**

**In the case of leaving the computer with the person, it must - after his return- be handed over to the competent authority of his department to take whatever action it deems appropriate**

**4- To provide government agencies with the necessary resources to carry out periodic inspection of their used and new devices and support them with qualified human cadres to work in the field of computers and link them to the management of information security and communication in government entities and the like.**

**5- Government agencies have to provide the competent security authorities at the Ministry of Interior and the Presidency of General Intelligence with all the hardware and software for espionage is doing the necessary studies on these devices, programs, and government entities they discover to take caution.**