

Section 24 of the Telecommunications Ordinance  
Offences by telecommunications officer, etc.

- (1) A telecommunications officer, or any person who, though not a telecommunications officer, has official duties in connection with a telecommunications service, who-
  - (a) wilfully destroys, secretes or alters any message that he has received for transmission or delivery;
  - (b) forges any message or utters any message that he knows to be forged or altered;
  - (c) wilfully abstains from transmitting any message or wilfully intercepts or detains or delays any message;
  - (d) otherwise than in pursuance of his duty or as directed by a court, copies any message or discloses any message or the purport of any message to any person other than the person to whom the message is addressed,shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine at level 4 and to imprisonment for 2 years.
  
- (2) This section does not apply to any act done by a telecommunications officer, or any person who, though not a telecommunications officer, has official duties in connection with a telecommunications service, for the purpose of-
  - (a) facilitating compliance with this Ordinance or the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Ordinance (Cap 593);
  - (b) implementing the terms or conditions of a licence of a licensee or any contract made between a licensee and a customer of the licensee; or
  - (c) facilitating compliance with a lawful request of a customer of a licensee in connection with a service supplied by the licensee to the customer.