

Activities

- The development, co-ordination and implementation of effective policies, guidelines and procedures to manage the Department's compliance with both Acts.
- The Canadian Government holds records and information received in confidence from foreign Governments and international organizations. Other federal Government institutions are encouraged to solicit the assistance of the Department in determining the extent to which documents were obtained in confidence or the extent to which disclosure of information would be injurious to the conduct of international affairs. The ATIP Office is responsible for consultations with foreign Governments which are normally undertaken through Canadian posts abroad or resident foreign missions in Canada.
- Requests by foreign Governments regarding the declassification and disclosure of Canadian documents.
- Collection, under various legislative authorities or otherwise, of commercial information in confidence from Canadian companies operating abroad or dealing with foreign Governments. In the event of requests for such information, the Department, if it determines it has no substantive interest in the information, will undertake appropriate notification or consultation with interested parties before considering disclosure of any records.
- Response to requests for release of personal information to federal investigative agencies under Section 8(2)(e) of the *Privacy Act*.
- Promoting awareness of both Acts through briefings and guidance to departmental units on compliance with the legislation.
- Monitoring departmental compliance with both Acts, accompanying regulations and relevant procedures and policies. All requests submitted to the Department within Canada or at Canadian missions abroad are replied to by the ATIP Office in Ottawa.