

Robocall Mitigation Policy

Robocall Mitigation Compliance with TRACED Act

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Objective:	Establish and follow a policy that is compliant with TRACED Act
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I. Overview

The FCC requires that all providers certify in the Robocall Mitigation Database their status for compliance with STIR/SHAKEN. Those not yet fully compliant must implement and certify to the implementation of a Robocall Mitigation Plan to ensure that this illegal traffic does not originate on their networks as they work within the industry to become fully compliant.

The Commission requires voice service providers to develop a Robocall Mitigation Plan that:

- details the reasonable steps taken to avoid originating illegal robocalls
- demonstrates a commitment to respond to traceback requests to cooperate with investigating and stopping illegal robocalls
- is filed in the Robocall Mitigation Database.

This mitigation plan is submitted on behalf of Vata Communications , Inc (Vatacom). VATACOM is a small business phone system provider. VATACOM is partnering with trusted providers to implement STIR/SHAKEN in parts of its network as it is realistically able to so and has implemented this policy for all customers.

II. General Prohibition Against Illegal Robocalling

VATACOM end user services are subject to restrictions contained in its published legal notices and all executed services orders include the requirement that service is provided pursuant to its terms of service ("TOS") requirements. Its existing TOS prohibit activities normally associated with Robocalling including, but not limited to:

- providing altered, deceptive, or false information about the identity of the sender or the origin of a message or phone call;
- violating any applicable local, state, or federal law; using the VATACOM service to engage in or in connection with fraudulent activities

In addition, the company is updating its TOS to expressly reference the prohibition on robocalling and all current subscribers will receive notice of the publication of its updated TOS.

VATACOM's end users are notified that VATACOM may take action up to suspension or termination of service for violation of the TOS.

III. Know Your Customer

VATACOM utilizes the mitigation technique of "Know Your Customer." VATACOM is a small long established business phone system provider that maintains a close relationship with its customers. Its customers are generally "mom and pop" users and few of its total customer base have enough call paths

to generate the high volume of traffic associated with robocalling allowing us to use targeted in-house analytics to monitor, alert and apprehend suspected robocalling activities.

VATACOM has a screening for new customers requesting service at or above large volume calling capability levels:

- Businesses requesting large volume calling capability must provide a tax ID and verification as to the nature of the business
- We verify addresses to look for overlapping / multiple deployed voice path subscriptions
- A VATACOM representative always visits the premise of the business to verify the number of users at the location is appropriate for the volume of calling VATACOM serves a small number of long-time business end users with large volume calling capability that are being directly contacted to review with them VATACOM's policies and efforts to prevent the VATACOM services from being used for illegal robocalling.

IV. Network Monitoring

VATACOM is working with many telecom providers on a program that allows for real-time monitoring of traffic and will flag call patterns indicative of potential illegal robocalling.

V. Traceback and Enforcement Cooperation

VATACOM will actively cooperate with the traceback community including the FCC, law enforcement, and The Industry Traceback Group (ITG) to investigate and stop illegal robocalls. VATACOM will dedicate sufficient resources to provide prompt and complete responses to traceback requests.