ACTS REFERRED TO

The United States, mother land of cyber space, has made many laws on the issue of cyber crime both at Federal and State level. Some of the US Federal legislations are as below:

1. Title 18 of US code: The Computer intrusions and other computer related crimes. The statute makes unauthorized access to a computer (or exceeding the limit of authorization) an offense. And it also defines specific crimes such as hacking, cracking, virus, password trafficking etc.

2. Title 18 of US code:

Unauthorized access to stored electronic communications – the statute also criminalize the unauthorized access or exceeding authorization.

3. Title 47 of US Code:

The Child Online Protection Act (COPA). The Statute makes it an offense to make available any harmful material to minor through cyber space. In reference to the A C I L U -Vs.- Reno 217 F. 3d 162 (3d Cir, 2000), the statute has been kept under judicial review in relation to the 1st Amendment.

4. 18 US code (1029):

On Fraud and Related Activity in connection with computers.

5. 18 US Code (1030):

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6. 18 US Code (1362):

On Communication Lines, Stations or systems

7. 18 US Code (2319):

On Criminal Infringement of a copyright

8. 18 US Code (2318):

On Trafficking in copies of computer programs, copies of motion pictures or other visual works.

9. 18 US Code (2319A):

On Unauthorized fixation of trafficking in sound recordings and music videos of live musical performances.

10. 18 US Code (1832):

On ‘Theft of trade Secrets’

11. 18 US Code (2261 A):

On ‘Interstate stalking’

12. 18 US Code (2510):

On Interception of wire, oral and electronic communications.

13. 18 US Code (2701):

On Preservation and disclosure of stored wire and electronic communications

14. 42 US Code 2000 aa:

On Searches and Seizures by government officers and employees in connection with investigation or prosecution of criminal offences.
The US State legislations also provided for various aspects of cyber crime such as definition, criminal liability in hacking, cracking, virus programs, pornography, cyber-stalking and harassment, cyber-fraud, forgery and theft, gambling through Internet and also anti-government activities. Some of European, Asian and other national legislations are:

1. The Computer Misuse Act – 1990 (UK)

2. The Criminal Damage Act – 1991 (Ireland)
   (for Computer/Computer System)

3. The Computer Crimes Act- 1997 (Malaysia)


6. The Protection of Personal Data Act -2000 (Austria) (the Privacy Act)


8. The Electronic Commerce Act – 2000 (Philippines)

9. The Cyber Crime Act:- 2001 (Australia)

10. The Electronic Commerce Act – 2001 (Malta) (includes computer misuse)

11. Amendments to the Criminal Code -2001 (Belgium).


13. The Electronic Commerce Bill – 1998 (India)