The ICO have written to me, letter below, because "at least one individual" has complained about my website's cookie compliance. What a twat.

Just to be clear... my "Cookie Policy", to which the ICO is pleased to note "you appear to have taken steps to comply" is:

EU cookie law. Piss off Von Rumpy. Me... I hammer visitors to death with cookies, so I can find out what they want. Cookies allow my website to serve visitors the content they need. Get used to it. The EU cookie law is an ass. – **Ling**

Example cookies:

cookie:is_visitor_ginger=irn_bru;

This cookie monitors accidentally open video feeds (ie. webcams) and measures the occurrence of ginger Hex Code #B06500 and RGB code 176, 101, 0 on the pixel display return. Modifies prices, based on likelihood of visitor being Scottish.

cookie:identify_left_or_right_hand_mouse=right;

This cookie uses speed-of-response measurements to determine if user is right or left-handed. Can also detect Mac users.

cookie:sexual orientation=male;

This cookie watches how often visitors make irrational decision changes and identifies those people who are schizophrenic as: FEMALE.

cookie:regional_ethnicity=GEORDIE;

This cookie looks for specific keywords such as "mon" and "spaziba" and "yo" and "tattie" to identify ethnic origin. Once labelled, this cannot be undone.

cookie:steal_credit_card_no=if_possible;

This cookie monitors visitor keyboard outputs to determine any 4 digit number groupings. Then, parses them through a proxy Amazon account to check if they are valid credit or debit card numbers. If TRUE, buys random Kindle books.

cookie:log_braincell_count=IQ-SIZE;

This cookie takes the results of answers selected by visitors as they react to the website to determine average stupidity

Gotta laugh, eh? - Ling





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Dear Sir/Madam,

What we do

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regulates the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 (PECR), which were amended on 26 May 2011 to introduce new requirements in relation to cookies.

Regulation 6 of the PECR now requires that organisations' websites only place cookies on devices where the user or subscriber has given their consent, unless an exception applies. Cookies are exempt if they are for the sole purpose of carrying out or facilitating the transmission of a communication over an electronic communications network, or strictly necessary to provide an information society service requested by the subscriber or user. Please refer to our guidance for more details on types of cookies which are exempt (see below).

Why we are writing to you

Since May 2012 we have invited members of the public to report any concerns they have about websites' use of cookie and compliance with the above to the ICO. We are writing to you has we have received concerns from at least one individual about your site.

Having visited your website, we are pleased to note you appear to have taken steps to comply, so we are writing to you at this point for information and to encourage you to check your site is fully compliant.





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At this point we have not conducted a thorough audit of your site. This letter does not confirm your site is compliant, or suggest it is not, but is intended to keep you informed.

You can find more information about cookies, and all our guidance, on our website;

http://www.ico.gov.uk/for organisations/privacy and electronic communications/the quide/cookies.aspx .

What we require

We do not require a response to this letter and do not intend to take any further action at this point.

Should we receive further complaints about your website we may conduct a more thorough audit of cookies used on your site or write to you again.

Should you have any queries in relation to cookies after reading the above guidance, please call our helpline on 0303 123 1113 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

Yours sincerely

P.P. M. Gok

Dave Clancy

PECR Enforcement Manager

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