



## IMPACT OF PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS / SECTION 215

**What is the impact of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act, particularly changes to National Security Letters and Section 215?**

**Response:**

- The following details have been reported publicly as required by the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act.
- During calendar year 2005, the U.S. Government made 155 applications to the FISA Court (FISC) for access to certain business records for foreign intelligence purposes. (Section 215 Orders).
  - We expect that this number will decrease for calendar year 2006 due to the provision of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act that addresses the need to obtain subscriber information in connection with FISA pen registers. Outside the Scope



- The USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act provides that the DOJ-OIG shall perform an audit of the effectiveness and use of Patriot Act Sec. 215 business records orders and National Security Letters.
  - The audits for calendar years 2002-2004 are expected to be completed as required by March 2007.
  - The audits for calendar years 2005 and 2006 are expected to be completed as required by December 31, 2007.