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Delay called on s92A

The latest issue of *Commercial eSpeaking* (distributed last week) published an article 'New Zealand ISP Copyright Liability – New provision in force from 1 March'.

The government is to delay introducing the controversial s92A of the Copyright Act 1994 until 27 March.

Announced at the post-Cabinet press conference yesterday afternoon, Prime Minister John Key said that he hoped that a voluntary code of practice could be worked on by ISPs and copyright holders. He said if there was no agreement, s92A would be suspended. If agreement was reached, there would be a review in six months.

Mr Key's announcement came after yesterday's anti-s92A 'blackout' when most of the country's major blogs blacked out their sites, replacing them with a black notice. The *National Business Review* said ". . .the blackout campaign will now go down in history as the first viral internet campaign to stop – or at least delay – a law".

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