# Laws about IMEI

The problem of combatting abuse of IMEI is that it is a global problem. UK has made laws, which make it illegal to change the IMEI on a phone[[1]](#footnote-1). There are several similar laws around the world, with the porpoise to prevent illegal activities, using the IMEI.

1. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/31/pdfs/ukpga_20020031_en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)