

## Data Month: Most Read Articles from 2013



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December is Data Month at NLIPW! We kicked off the month by looking at a few *IP cases decided in 2013 by courts in Nigeria*. Next, we highlighted *media reports from August to December 2013* that focused on actions against piracy, counterfeiting and substandard goods in Nigeria. To close out our eDigest publications for the year, we have provided summaries of some of our most popular articles from 2013 (Now's a good time to catch-up if you missed any of them!).

#### **1. In Honor of World IP Day: 16 Nigerian Inventors You Should Know!**

In April, we celebrated the World IP Day by highlighting 16 Inventors from Nigeria and their patents. From tablet computers to solar-powered operating rooms, these inventors hold an array of patents worldwide.

#### **2. Ten Famous Nigerian Intellectual Property Disputes**

In May, we highlighted 10 famous intellectual property judicial decisions from Nigerian courts. These cases focused on trademark and patent infringement, collecting societies in Nigeria, product design infringement, product liability, and the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court in Nigeria. Included amongst these are cases from the Federal High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

#### **3. Trademarks in Nigeria | Two-Minute Lesson**

In June, as part of our 'Two-Minute Lesson Series', we looked at some basic facts about trademarks in Nigeria which every small business should know. This article highlighted questions ranging from the requirements and procedures for registering a trademark in Nigeria to the use of accredited agents for access to the Trademark Registry's online registration portal.

#### **4. Product Registration with the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control**

In June, we responded to some of the most frequently asked questions relating to product

registration with NAFDAC. The questions in this article address the purpose of a NAFDAC registration number and the steps necessary for registering products with NAFDAC.

### **5. Companies that Provide Anti-counterfeiting Technology in Nigeria**

In July, we looked at some of the companies that currently support NAFDAC and the safety of the Nigerian public by providing technology used to check for counterfeit products in the Nigerian market. We highlighted five companies (*Sproxil, Thermo Scientific, mPedigree, PharmaSecure* and *Kezzler*) that provide unique technology against counterfeiting.

### **6. Some Basic Facts About SMS Short Code 38353 and A Quick Look at Some Drugs Covered by NAFDAC's Mobile Authentication Service in Nigeria**

In August, these two articles drew attention to the use of the SMS short code "38353", which is the code issued by NAFDAC for members of the Nigerian public to easily detect fake drugs at the point of sale. We considered the average response time for text messages, phone networks and drugs currently covered by NAFDAC's Mobile Authentication Service (MAS).

### **7. Opposition of Trademark Applications in Nigeria | Two-Minute Lesson**

In September, as part of our Two-Minute Lesson Series and in anticipation of the Trademark Registry's Journal publication, we looked at some of the grounds for opposing a Trademark application in Nigeria and the procedure for opposition.

### **8. A Peek into Six Passing-off Cases in Nigeria**

In September, we highlighted six actions that focus on passing-off in Nigeria. Included amongst these are cases from the Federal High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Nigeria.

### **9. Product Liability and Consumer Protection Disputes in Nigeria**

In November, our focus was on seven product liability cases and the decisions of Nigerian courts in those cases.

### **10. Judgement on the Accreditation Requirement for Online Trademark Registration in Nigeria**

Also in November, we looked at the 2013 decision of the Federal High Court in Abuja, Nigeria, with respect to the Trademark Registry's online accreditation process.

2013 has been a great year at NLIPW but we are just getting started and look forward to sharing more information with you in 2014! Happy holidays everyone!

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