

# Data Month: Most Read Articles from 2014

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December 5, 2014 — December is Data Month at NLIPW! We kicked off the month by looking at a few cases that touch on intellectual property, filed or decided in 2014 by Federal High Courts in Nigeria. Next, we highlighted media reports (from August to December 2014) that focused on actions against piracy, counterfeiting and substandard goods in Nigeria. To close out our publications for the year, we have provided summaries of some of our most popular articles from 2014. We hope you enjoy!

## **1. 10 Useful Sites for Intellectual Property in Africa**

At the beginning of the year, we decided to look for online sources of IP across the Africa continent. We narrowed our research down to 10 websites and blogs that offer useful and constant information about IP rights in Africa.

## **2. Trademarks Watch Series**

In May, we introduced the “Trademarks Watch Series”. The series highlights some of the marks advertised in Journals published by the Trademarks Registry in Nigeria. Specifically, our focus was to showcase marks published in the Trademarks, Patents and Designs Journal Volume 3 No. 1. We highlighted marks that touch on business administration and management; insurance, financial and monetary affairs; entertainment, sporting, cultural activities and educational Services; computers, electronic devices and games; hand, machine tools and vehicle apparatus; alcoholic beverages, wines and spirits; hotel and restaurant services; and non-alcoholic drinks and beverages.

## **3. Copyright Infringement Cases in Nigeria**

From September to October, our team conducted research on some of the court cases instituted by the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC) against persons involved in the sale and illegal distribution of pirated films, sound recordings and pay-TV programs. Two articles highlighting a total of ten (10) cases were discussed with particular emphasis on the minimal punishment the law currently allows for infringement of copyright in Nigeria.

- *Copyright Infringement Cases in Nigeria: Sale and Possession of Pirated Films and Sound Recordings*
- *Copyright Infringement Cases in Nigeria: Signal Piracy and Illegal Distribution of Pay-TV Programs*

#### **4. 2014 International IP Index — An Anatomy of Nigeria’s IP Environment**

When the 2014 International IP Index was released by the Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC) in February, we took a closer look at the report to determine why Nigeria’s overall score was 9.8 out of 30, placing the country 20th out of the 25 countries assessed. The report mapped the IP environment of 25 countries around the world using 30 indicators and for the first time it featured two countries from the African continent — Nigeria and South Africa.

#### **5. Registration of Animal Feed, Pet Products and Feed Additives with NAFDAC**

In July, we responded to some of the frequently asked questions we received relating to registration of animal feed, pet products and feed additives with the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC). The article highlighted some of the guidelines issued by NAFDAC for both imported and locally-manufactured animal feed and pet products, documents needed for the registration, the application process, fees, renewals and product labeling.

#### **6. Media Reports on Actions against Piracy, Counterfeiting & Substandard Products in Nigeria**

Every year, NLIPW provides information showing media reports on actions against piracy, counterfeiting and substandard products in Nigeria. This year, we provided this information using three reports i.e. January to March, April to July, August to December.

- *Media Reports on Actions Against Piracy, Counterfeiting & Substandard Products in Nigeria: January to March 2014*
- *Media Reports on Actions Against Piracy, Counterfeiting & Substandard Products in Nigeria: April to July 2014*
- *Media Reports on Actions Against Piracy, Counterfeiting & Substandard Products in Nigeria: August to December 2014*

## **7. IP and Brand Protection Issues for Spirit Producers**

This article highlighted the spirit market in Nigeria. The article looked at the market itself and highlighted some of the top spirit brands sold in Nigeria.

## **8. NcERS: The Nigerian Electronic Copyright Registration System is Now Active!**

In August, we shared that the Nigerian Copyright Commission's online registration system, NcERS, was active for use. The system allows for online registration of authors and their copyright works, search of the NcERS database, uploading of video works and online preview clips up to 20MB, and for online payment of fees.

## **9. Copyright Registration of Scripts and Films in Nigeria**

In September, we looked at some of the information/important sections that are required for registration of scripts and films with the Nigerian Copyright Commission.

## **10. NAFDAC: Dossier Requirements for Pesticide Registration**

Also in September, we examined some of the information manufacturers, importers or distributors seeking to sell pesticide products for use in Nigeria must include in their product dossier, submitted to NAFDAC.

Thank you for subscribing to NLIPW. We look forward to sharing more information with you in 2015!

Happy holidays!

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