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Intellectual Property Piracy and Counterfeiting in Nigeria: The Impending Economic and Social Conundrum by K.M Waziri

This paper examines the threat posed by counterfeiting and piracy both internationally and locally, as it affects the Nigerian economy. The paper also looks at some of the problems of intellectual property in Nigeria including lack of population support or public consultation, inadequate cost-benefit analysis, lack of public awareness, the lack of inclusion of intellectual property in the curriculum of schools and some universities in Nigeria, corruption and weak custom enforcement, and the lack of well-trained personnel. The paper concludes that counterfeiting and piracy pose tremendous threats to the prosperity of Nigeria's creative and innovative industries and that they deserve consistent attention if they are to be addressed.

The Limits of Legal and Enforcement/Regulatory Frameworks in Consumer Protection Against Counterfeit and Pirated Products: The Nigeria Experience by Professor Muhammed Tawfiq Ladan

This paper begins by examining the concepts of consumer protection, counterfeiting and piracy, regulated products and consumer education. The paper highlights the impact of counterfeit and pirated products on the Nigerian economy as it affects the health and safety of consumers. It further examines the limits of legal and enforcement/regulatory frameworks in consumer protection against counterfeit and pirated products in Nigeria. Specifically, it looks at contract and tort laws based protection as well as criminal law based protections as contained in the Food and Drug Act, Drug Control Measures Act,

Counterfeit and Unwholesome (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration (NAFDAC) Act. The paper highlights some of the functions of government agencies including the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), NAFDAC and the Consumers Protection Council of Nigeria. The paper concludes that there is a limit to which legal and enforcement/regulatory mechanisms can go in protecting consumers against counterfeit and pirated goods partly because the laws remain inadequate.

**Prevalence of Counterfeiting in Nigeria: Evaluating Consumers' Experience in South-Eastern and SouthWestern Nigeria by Solomon Ojo & Adeyemi Oluwakemi Ojo
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This study investigates the prevalence of counterfeiting in Nigeria by evaluating consumers' experiences. The study was carried out using questionnaires that targeted consumers of products in the South-Western and South-Eastern parts of Nigeria. A total of 517 participants took part in the study, of which 224 (43.3%) were males and 293 (56.7%) were females. The study revealed that participants had at some point encountered counterfeit forms of some of the products including electronics in the Nigerian market including computer software and hardware, cell phone and cell phone accessories, clothing materials, pharmaceutical products and beauty products.

**The Menace of Fake Drugs: Consequences, Causes and Possible Solutions
by A. Chika, S.O. Bello, A.O. Jimoh and M.T. Umar, Research Journal of Medical
Sciences 5 (5): 257-261, 2011**

This report examines the business of drug counterfeiting with emphasis on the causes and possible consequences of fake drugs. It highlights the effects on the health and safety of drug counterfeiting, such as increased mortality, organ damage, and antimicrobial resistance to fake drugs. The paper calls on stakeholders including regulatory agencies and governments to join their tough towards preventing the problem of drug counterfeiting.

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