

Media Reports on Actions Against Piracy, Counterfeiting & Substandard Products in Nigeria: April to July 2014



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<b>July '14</b>		
Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON)	The SON issued a seven (7) day ultimatum to mobile phone dealers and importers at the popular Computer Village in Lagos, to get rid of substandard products.	*SON Gives Dealers 7 days Ultimatum to Mop-Up Fake Phones by Emeka Aginam
Standards Organisation of Nigeria	The SON raided the Computer Village in Lagos and confiscated suspected substandard telephone handsets worth over N200 million.	*SON Confiscates N200 Million Substandard Handsets by Toba Agboola
Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC)	The NCC arrested five people in Kogi State over piracy. The suspects were involved in hacking signals of satellite providers. Exhibits collected from the suspects included laptops, black boxes, decoders and other gadgets used in hacking into signals	*NCC Arrests Five Over Piracy in Kogi by Usman A. Bello

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	belonging to DSTV, My TV, Strong and other satellite service providers.	
National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC)	The NAFDAC commenced enforcement of the deadline for the implementation of the Mobile Authentication Service (MAS) by pharmaceutical companies.	*NAFDAC Begins Enforcement for Mobile Authentication Service Nationwide
<b>June '14</b>		
National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control	NAFDAC announced that starting July 2014, it would begin to close down open-market pharmaceutical industries in the country.	*NAFDAC to Close Down Open-Market Pharmacy by Paul Adunwoke
Nigerian Copyright Commission	The NCC raided a shopping center in Nasarawa State, arrested a few suspects and confiscated digital television equipment suspected to have been installed against Nigeria's copyright laws. The persons arrested were suspected of using the Multichoice Cable Television and Network illegally.	*NCC Raids Fun Spots, Arrests Illegal Cable TV Subscribers
Standards Organisation of Nigeria	The Standards Organisation of Nigeria signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the standards and quality agency of Cameroon (ANOR) in order to battle the importation of substandard products into the two countries.	*Nigeria Partners Cameroun on Products Standardisation by Kingsley Alu
National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control	The NAFDAC destroyed fake drugs and food worth over N120 million. Some of the medicines were seized from manufacturers, importers and distributors in Lagos State while other expired items were willingly turned in to the Agency.	*NAFDAC Destroys N120m Fake Drugs, Foods by Joseph Okoghenun

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Nigerian Copyright Commission	The Director General of the NCC while speaking at an event to commemorate the World Book Day 2014, announced that the agency had arrested 371 suspected pirates.	*NCC Nabs 371 Suspected Book Pirates
National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control	The NAFDAC suspended ten (10) manufacturers in Kwara State for failure to keep their environments clean.	*NAFDAC Suspends 10 in Kwara by Abdullateef Aliyu
The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)	The EFCC arrested a suspect for allegedly producing high quality counterfeit software.	*EFCC Arrests Suspected Counterfeit Software Reseller in Lagos by Emma Okonji
COSON	The COSON filed an action against a bank in Nigeria (First Bank Plc) for unauthorised use of several musical works and sound recording.	*COSON Hits First Bank with N700m Naira Lawsuit
Nigerian Copyright Commission	The NCC arrested three suspects for pirating and commercially distributing the book: Third Term Saga by Christian Nwachukwu.	*NCC Arrest 3 Suspected Book Pirates
Nigerian Copyright Commission	A twenty feet container loaded with 60,000 copies of suspected pirated literary works estimated at N60m was confiscated by the NCC.	*Container of N60m Suspected Pirated Books Seized by Copyright Commission

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