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The **National Broadcasting Commission** has released the breach profile of broadcast stations in Nigeria for the second quarter of 2020. The report shows that a total of seven hundred and sixteen (716) infractions of the Nigeria Broadcasting Code were sanctioned by the **Commission** between April and June 2020.

Out of the 716 infractions sanctioned, only 22 (3%) were financial penalty. The remaining 694 (97%) were either cautions or warnings for obscenity, political, hate speech, unverifiable claims, unprofessionalism, advertisements and technical breaches (**See Breakdown attached**).

Advertisement breaches were the dominant infractions for the quarter accounting for 51% of all sanctions, followed by unverifiable claims to cure by tradomedics and preachers with 17%. Unprofessionalism especially in the handling of news and current affairs programming was the third dominant breach accounting for 12% of all infractions recorded.

Twenty-two (22) penalties were imposed on nineteen (19) stations across the country during the quarter ranging from the sum of **₦250,000.00 – ₦300,000.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira to Three Hundred Thousand Naira)** each. Seven of these were for misinformation or false health advisory about Corona-virus (COVID-19). Stations penalized in this respect were Breeze FM, Lafia, Adaba FM Akure, Midland FM Ilorin, Royal FM Ilorin and Wave FM Port Harcourt.

Ten stations were penalized for tradomedics' claim to cure serious diseases or promotion of fortune telling, namely; Sobi FM, Ilorin; EBS Radio, Benin; City FM Onitsha; FRCN (Voice FM) Nsukka; King FM, Ibadan; Fad FM, Calabar; Wazobia Max TV Port Harcourt and Radio Rivers Port Harcourt.

Penalized for endorsement of products or services by presenters were Wish FM Port Harcourt, Wazobia FM, Port Harcourt and People's FM, Yenegoa. Crowther (Love) FM Abuja was penalized for the broadcast of indecent musical while Blaze FM Oraifite and Wish FM Port Harcourt were penalized for poor handling of phone-in programmes and promotion of Ponzi scheme respectively.

The report is compiled quarterly by the Directorate of Broadcast Monitoring from weekly reports filed by the 10 zonal and 25 state offices of the **Commission** that monitor over 600 functional broadcast stations in Nigeria.

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