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News Release

BROADCASTING COMMISSION DEALS WITH MORE PROGRAMMING STANDARDS BREACHES ON RADIO

Even as it wraps up public consultations on upgrading enforcement of electronic media standards, the Broadcasting Commission is sanctioning radio stations again for breaches of the law relating to programming.

FAME FM

At its July meeting, the Commission reviewed specific lyrics broadcast recently by FAME FM. Part of the lyrics in question included sexual descriptions that were too explicit for time of transmission; they were aired just before two in the afternoon when a significant part of the listening audience was likely to be children.

The Commission determined that the transmission on May 9, 2007 was a breach of the scheduling requirements of the **Children's Code for Programming**.

The Commission noted that the station aired an apology to its listeners about the unlawful transmission after being notified of the investigation.

ST. BESS FM

Arising from its deliberations in July, the Commission has issued a Notice of Breach to St. Bess FM Radio Company Limited for failing to maintain a system to record material it broadcasts.

The Commission has directed St. Bess FM Radio Company Limited to demonstrate that it has addressed the problem and that it has in place the necessary measures to prevent transmission of material in breach of the Code.

The company's management has also been directed to attend a meeting with the Commission for a review of its technical operations.