

MONITORING & COMPLIANCE REPORT APRIL-JUNE





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BCJ - Quarterly Monitoring & Compliance Report (April – June 2024)

During the period April – June 2024, eighteen (18) Notices of Breach of Licence were issued, all of which related to broadcast radio licensees.

Sixty-three (63) contacts were recorded for the period under review. Of this number, twenty-two (22) were complaints which resulted in investigations of broadcast and subscriber television licensees. Forty-one (41) were queries and comments about other operational issues pertaining to licensed operators and the work of the Commission.

Twenty-one (21) of the complaints related to content standards while the other concerned copyright infringement. This represented an increase of eight (8) when compared with the previous quarter.

Regarding technical matters, two (2) subscriber television (STV) licensees were inspected. The two (2) inspections were conducted to determine the licensees' technical compliance. One subscriber television licensee (STV) was investigated for signal leakage.

In relation to the payment of the annual licence fee, seven (7) STV operators, or 18% of all licensees paid in full; one (1) or 3% made partial payments and thirty-one (31) or 79% were non-compliant. There was a decrease in the number of full payments recorded when compared to the previous quarter and there was also a decrease in the number of licensees who made partial payments. There was an increase in the number of non-compliant licensees.

CONTACTS WITH THE COMMISSION

Sixty-three (63) contacts were recorded for the period April – June 2024 as seen in Table 1 below.

Table 1: BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS

QUERIES, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	TOTAL
Complaints Received and Investigated	4	15	3	22
Complaints Received, Not Investigated	-	1	1	2
Subscriber Television technical issues	-	4	1	5
Other operational Issues	8	13	9	30
Enquiries about the progress of the CSport investigation	3	-	-	3
Broadcast Radio technical issues	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	15	34	14	63

CONTENT STANDARDS COMPLAINTS

The Commission investigated twenty-one (21) complaints relating to the broadcast of problematic content and one (1) copyright infringement. The number of complaints investigated increased by eight (8) when compared to the previous quarter.

Table 2 details the nature of the investigations conducted by the Commission between April and June 2024.

Figure 1 illustrates the trends in content standards complaints investigated in similar reporting periods since 2021.

Table 2

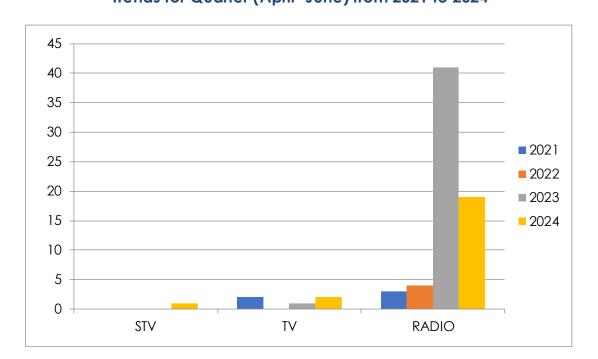
Content Standards Complaints Investigated: April –June 2024

Licensee	_				No	ature	of	Со	mpla	ints				Total
		Iransmission of indecent and profane language in a song	Iransmission of sexual suggestive lyrics in a song	Iransmission of lyrics in breach of the October 11, 2022 Directive	Iransmission of violent lyrics in a song	Iransmission of material in breach of licence	Iransmission of songs in breach of broadcasting regulations	Iransmission of lyrics endorsing jungle justice	Transmission of profane language during the broadcast of the Jamaica Athletics Invitational	Alleged violation of VertiCast's exclusive rights to the English Premier League	Transmission of lyrics inciting violence	Transmission of a sona with araphic violent Ivrics		
Television Jamaica Ltd.		-	-			1	-		1					2
(TVJ) St. Bess Radio FM Company Limited (BESS FM)		1												1
Radio Jamaica Limited (FAME 95 FM)		2	2	1				1						6
Grove Broadcasting Company Ltd. (ZIP 103 FM)				1	1									2
Digicel Jamaica Limited										1				1
Black Roses Enterprises Ltd. (Roses FM)			3				1							4
S & B Communications (FYAH 105 FM)		1												1
Western Broadcasting Service Limited (Riddim FM)		1												1
Native Broadcasting Company Limited (Stylz FM)		1												1
Radio Jamaica Limited (Hitz 92 FM)				2										2
S & B Communications (The Edge FM)		1												1
TOTAL														22

^{*} Complaints listed above include allegations that may not have necessarily resulted in findings of breach.

CONTENT STANDARDS COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED
Trends for Quarter (April- June) from 2021 to 2024

Figure 1:



	2021	2022	2023	2024
STV	0	0	0	1
TV	2	0	1	2
RADIO	3	4	41	19

TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE

During the quarter three STV licensees were inspected by the technical department see tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: STV licensee inspection

No.	LICENSEE	PARISH OF INSPECTION	ZONE(S) SERVED	DATE OF INSPECTION	BREACHES DETECTED	ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION
1.	Rural Cable Company Limited	St. Andrew St. Catherine & St. Mary	Lawrence Tavern, Essex Hall, Harkers Hall, and Friendship Gap	May 20 & 21, 2024	Yes	The licensee was issued a post-inspection letter on June 26, 2024, and given a deadline of July 26, 2024, to address the breaches. He was also advised that failure to address them could negatively impact his track record of performance which would be considered
						should he apply for a renewal of licence.

Table 3 continued

No.	LICENSEE	PARISH OF INSPECTION	ZONE(S) SERVED	DATE OF INSPECTION	BREACHES DETECTED	ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION
2.	Central Communications Services Limited	St. Ann	Discovery Bay	June 18, 2024	<u>Yes</u>	*The licensee is to be issued a post-inspection letter and allowed to address the areas of noncompliance detected during the inspection.

^{*}Licensee was notified in July 2024.

No field activity was conducted by the Technical Department for April 2024 due to the postponement of the scheduled inspection of Nems Electric & Satellite Limited. The inspection was rescheduled and carried out on July 1, 2024.

Table 4: Cable signal leakage investigation

No	LICENSEE	NATURE OF INVESTIGATION	LOCATION OF INVESTIGATION	DATE OF INVESTIGATION	BREACHES DETECTED	ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION
1.	Network Cable Services Limited	Follow up Investigation into high cable signal leakages	-At 28 Heron Road In Southborough in Naggo Head in the Naggo Head Zone, -Along South Circular Road in Naggo Head near Fernando Road in the Naggo Head Zone.	June 24, 2024	Yes High leakage was detected at the one (1) location visited.	The licensee was notified in a letter sent on July 12, 2024, and given a deadline of July 25, 2024, to provide the Commission with a report on the corrective actions taken in addressing this matter.

COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION

Thirteen (13) investigations were resolved between April – June 2024. Except for matters that fall outside of the Commission's mandate, all complaints are investigated. As soon as investigations are completed, the complainants and the relevant licensees are notified of the outcome, and the Commission then considers the matter resolved.

Table 5
Resolution of Complaints by Licensee Type

	NO. OF INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS RESOLVED
Subscriber Television Broadcast Television Broadcast Radio	- - 13
TOTAL	13

Table 6
Resolution of Complaints by Category

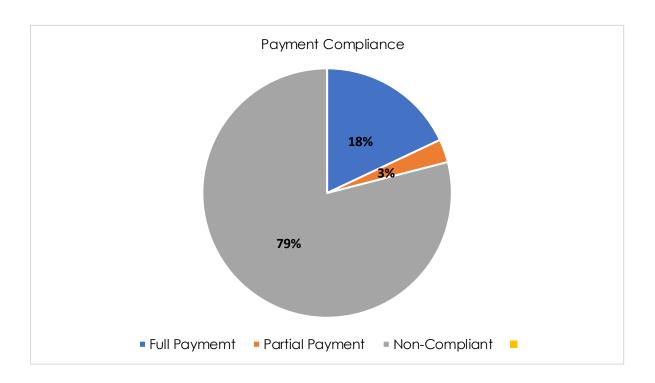
CATEGORY	TOTAL
Closed - Complied with required remedial action for breach of licence	
Broadcast Radio Broadcast Television	10 -
No Sanction Applied / Commission accepted licensee remedial action	
Broadcast Radio Broadcast Television	3 -
TOTAL	13

FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

STV operators are required to pay an annual licence fee of five percent (5%) of their gross subscription income.

Aggregate payment performance is illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 2



Full Payment - 18% (7 STV operators)
Partial Payment - 3% (1 STV operators)
Non-Compliant - 79% (31 STV operators)

Table 7

STV Licensees Financial Compliance For the quarter ended June 30, 2024

		-		ION OF L STATE/ YEARS:	MENTS I		LIG	CENCE FI	ES
	LICENSEES			2021	2022	2023	Paid in Full	Partial Payment	Non- Compliant
1	Advance Cable Systems Ltd.	no	yes	no	no	no			✓
2	Astra Technology Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			✓
3	Best TV Communications Group Ltd			n/a	no	no			✓
4	Cable One Jamaica Ltd.	no	yes	yes	no	no	*		√
5	Cabletron Network Systems Ltd. (managed by Home Time Entertainment Limited)	yes	no	no	no	no			√
6	Central Clarendon Cable Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			**
7	Central Communication Services Ltd.	yes	no	no	no	no			✓
8	Columbus Communications - FLOW	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓		
9	Combined Communications Ltd.	no	yes	no	no	no		√	
10	Communicable Ltd	no	no	no	no	no			✓
11	Cornwall Communications Ltd.	yes	yes	no	no	no			✓
12	CTL Limited	yes	yes	yes	no	no	✓		
13	Digicel Jamaica	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	✓		
14	Digital Interactive Systems Limited	yes	yes	yes	no	no			✓
15	Direct Cable Systems Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			***
16	Gemini Cable Network	no	no	no	no	no	✓		
17	General Satellite Network Company	yes	no	no	no	no			***
18	Guthrie's Communications Ltd (managed by Home Time Entertainment Limited)	no	no	no	no	no			****
19	Home Time Entertainment Limited	no	yes	yes	no	no			✓
20	Horizon Entertainment & Communication (managed by Home Time Entertainment Limited)	no	no	no	no	no			✓
21	Inntech Communications Ltd.	yes	yes	yes	no	no	*		✓
22	JACS	yes	yes	yes	no	no	√		
23	Jamaica Cablevision Ltd. (managed by Home Time Entertainment Limited)	no	no	no	no	no			✓
24	Krisara Cable Co. Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			✓
25	Linscom Network Limited	no	no	no	no	no			✓
26	Marimaxx Communications Ltd. (managed by Home Time Entertainment Limited)	no	no	no	no	no			✓

<u>STV Licensees Financial Compliance Contd.</u>

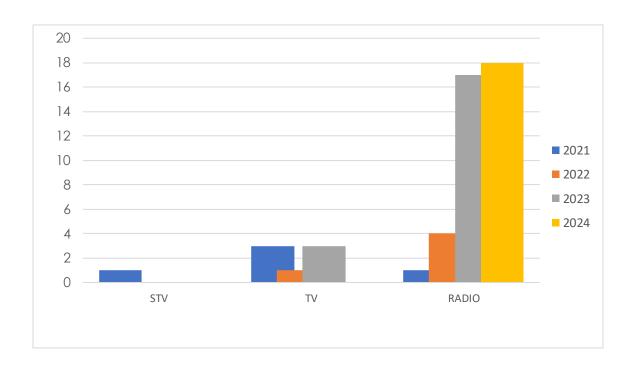
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	LICENSEES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Paid in Full	Partial Payment	Non- Compliant
27	Mars Cable Vision Limited	yes	yes	yes	no	no			√
28	McKoy's Cable Television Co. Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			√
29	Mikes Electronics & Cable Network Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			***
30	Modern Re-Broadcasting Co. Ltd.	no	no	no	no	no			√
31	Nems Electrical & Satellite Ltd.	no	no	no	no	yes			√
32	Network Cable Service	yes	no	yes	no	no	√		
33	Odyssey Cable Vision Limited	yes	yes	yes	no	no	*		√
34	Procables Network Limited	no	no	no	no	no	✓		
35	QES 46 Limited	no	no	no	no	no			√
36	Quality Cable Service	no	no	no	no	no			Ś
37	Rural Cable Company Limited	no	no	no	no	no			√
38	Santastic Cable Systems Ltd. (managed by Odyssey Cable Vision Limited)	yes	yes	no	no	no			√
39	Somane Pesole Communications Ltd.	no	no	yes	yes	no			√
40	Stars Cable Company Ltd.	yes	yes	yes	no	no			√
41	St. Thomas Cable Network Limited	no	no	no	no	no			√
42	Summit Satellite Systems Limited	no	no	no	no	no			****
43	Total Cable	no	yes	yes	yes	no			√
44	Tru Star Cable Television Network	no	no	no	no	no			****
45	Venus Cable Services	no	no	no	no	no			***
46	Vere Cable Network Limited	no	no	no	no	no			√
47	Westar Communications Limited	no	no	no	no	no			✓
48	Wilson Enterprises Limited	no	yes	yes	yes	no			✓

- -- Licence Not Issued.
- n/a Not Applicable (Licence granted during year. A licensee is not expected to submit audited financial statements in the year that a licence is granted).
- * Licensee usually fully or partially compliant. Indicated challenges due to damage to infrastructure/equipment caused by Hurricane Beryl and requested leniency.
- ** The licensee is currently not operating and has indicated that it intends to pull out of the STV business. The licence expired on March 30, 2024.
- *** The licensee has reported that it is no longer operating. The Commission will conduct an independent inspection to verify, and determine appropriate next steps.
- **** The licensee is not operating; however, it had submitted an application for renewal of licence which is being processed.
- ***** The licensee is not operating and has formally advised the Commission of its intention to transfer ownership of its operations to another licensee

NOTICES OF BREACH

During the period under review, eighteen (18) Notices of Breach were issued to licensees. These Notices of Breach arose from contraventions of the Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations, and Broadcasting and Radio Re-Diffusion Act.

Figure 3
TREND IN BREACHES COMMITTED (BY SERVICE)



	2021	2022	2023	2024
STV	1	0	0	0
TV	3	1	3	0
RADIO	1	4	17	18

BREACHES BY LICENSEES

BREACHES BY BROADCAST RADIO LICENSEES

- 'Date of Notification' is meant to indicate the date on which the notice of breach was issued, pursuant to Section 20 of the Broadcasting and Radio Re-diffusion Act.
- TSBR Television and Sound Broadcasting Regulations
- Code Children's Code for Programming

1. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2023060701

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive.

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee received a warning; no further regulatory action was

taken

STATUS: Closed

2. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024020900

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song which contained lyrics promoting

violence

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of Regulation 30(k) of the TSBR

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee was cautioned; no further regulatory action was

taken

STATUS: Closed

3. S & B COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED (FYAH 105)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024

COMPLAINT NUMBERS: 2024020901 & 2024020902

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of songs in breach of Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR

and the October 11, 2022 Directive

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee transmitted prescribed apology

STATUS: Closed

4. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024012301 & 2024022600

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive.

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licensee in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

5. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2023071400

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive.

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

6. CARIBBEAN GLOBAL NETWORK INC. (THE BRIDGE 99 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024020903

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a songs which contained lyrics with strong

sexual content.

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR and the Code

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee transmitted prescribed apology

STATUS: Closed

7. St. BESS RADIO FM COMPANY LIMITED (BESS 100 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024022100

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of songs in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive and Regulation 30(k) of the TSBR

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

8. GROVE BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED (ZIP 103 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: April 12, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024020904

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song in breach of the October 11, 202

Directive

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

9. NATIVE BROADCASTING NETWORK LIMITED (STYLZ FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024042303

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song with indecent and profane language

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee transmitted prescribed apology

STATUS: Closed

10. GROVE BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED (ZIP 103 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024042302

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song which contained lyrics with violent

connotations

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of Scheduling requirements of the Code

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Commission accepted the licensee's remedial action

STATUS: Closed

11. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024042301

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song which contained lyrics which breached

the scheduling requirements of the Code

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Scheduling requirements of the Code

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

12. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024042300

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive, Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR and the Code

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

13. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (HITZ 92 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024050200 & 2024050201

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of the Directive COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee complied with required remedial action.

STATUS: Closed

14. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 202450202

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song which contained lyrics which breached

the scheduling requirements of the Code

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR and the Scheduling

requirements of the Code

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

15. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 31, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 202450203

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of a song which contained lyrics which breached

the scheduling requirements of the Code

NATURE OF BREACH: Breach of Regulation 30(d) of the TSBR and the Scheduling

requirements of the Code

COMMISSION DECISION: Licence in breach

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

16. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 10, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024032700

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive

NATURE OF BREACH: Beach of the Directive and Regulation 30(k) of the TSBR

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

17. RADIO JAMAICA LIMITED (FAME 95 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 10, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2023100200

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song in breach of Regulation 30(a) of the TSBR

NATURE OF BREACH: Beach of Regulation 30(a) of the TSBR REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee to transmit prescribed apology

STATUS: Open

18. S & B COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED (FYAH 105 FM)

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: May 10, 2024 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2024031300

NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Transmission of song in breach of the October 11, 2022

Directive

NATURE OF BREACH: Beach of the Directive

REMEDIAL ACTION: Licensee transmitted prescribed apology

STATUS: Closed