

Communications Authority press release

The following is issued on behalf of the Communications Authority:

This press release summarises the decisions of the Communications Authority (CA) following its 95th meeting held in May 2020:

Broadcast complaints

The CA considered two complaint cases in respect of broadcasters' non-compliance with the Generic Code of Practice on Television Programme Standards (TV Programme Code) and the Generic Code of Practice on Television Advertising Standards (TV Advertising Code):

(a) complaints against the television programme "Headliner" broadcast on RTHK TV 31 and RTHK 31A channels of Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) and Jade channel of Television Broadcasts Limited on February 14, 2020. The CA took the view that the complaints in respect of accuracy of factual contents, denigration of and insult to the Police, and expression of a sufficiently broad range of views in personal view programmes were substantiated, and decided that RTHK should be warned to observe more closely the relevant provisions in the TV Programme Code; and

(b) complaint against the television programme "UEFA Champions League" broadcast on Hong Kong Open TV of Fantastic Television Limited (Fantastic TV) on September 22, 2019. The CA decided that the complaint was justified and that Fantastic TV should be advised to observe more closely the relevant provision in the TV Advertising Code.

Details of the above cases are at www.coms-auth.hk/filemanager/en/content_713/appx_20200519.pdf.

As the CA has received a very high volume of complaints on case (a) above, the CA will not issue individual replies to each complainant. The concerned complainants are invited to note the details of the CA's decision on the case at the link above.