

Advertising Incident Reporting System

Weekly Report

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The **Advertising Incident Reporting System (AIRS)** is an industry learning system that captures, analyzes, and shares lessons from advertising incidents and near-misses. AIRS identifies emerging risks, and strengthens governance through education, transparency, and continuous improvement.

This Week At A Glance (6/29 - 7/5)

Metric	Count
Total Incidents Reviewed	11
Formal Rulings, Penalties, Notices, or Charges	9
Disclosure or Transparency Implicated	5
Internal Governance or Oversight Implicated	2
AI or Synthetic-Media Incidents	1
Environmental or Origin-Claim Incidents	0
Geographic Reach	United States, United Kingdom, and India

Educational Notice: AIRS is an educational resource. Inclusion of an incident does not imply wrongdoing or legal liability but is intended to promote professional learning and continuous improvement.

Collection Method: AIRS combines LLM-assisted monitoring with human review across regulatory, self-regulatory, legal, industry, watchdog, and news sources. Technology supports discovery and organization; human review determines inclusion, verifies sources, distinguishes allegations from findings, and assigns the relevant IAE Principles and AIRS classifications.

This Week's Incident Register (6/29 - 7/5)

Incident No.	Incident	Region	Date	IAE Principle(s)	AIRS Tags
2026063001	<u>Roblox removed in-game advertising for highly caffeinated Banger chips after a watchdog found it was served to an account registered as age five.</u>	United States / Global Platform	6/29	P3 Fairness; P4 Social Responsibility; P8 Internal Processes; P9 Commercial Relationships	Children's Advertising; In-Game Advertising; Caffeine; Platform Governance
2026063002	<u>FTC reached an agreement with Havas to restore competition in the digital advertising ecosystem after allegations of coordinated conduct involving advertiser boycotts.</u>	United States	6/30	P3 Fairness; P5 Disclosure; P6 Transparency; P10 Lawfulness	Antitrust; Brand Safety; Competition; Media Buying
2026070101	<u>Cablelinker Electronics Ltd (Aquois) – The ASA ruled that ads for a pressure washer exaggerated the product's cleaning performance.</u>	United Kingdom	7/1	P1 Truth, P2 Substantiation, P6 Transparency	Product Performance Claims; Misleading Advertising; Exaggerated Claims

2026070106	<u>GoodNovel – The ASA upheld complaints against an in-game advertisement for condoning violence, reinforcing harmful gender stereotypes, and causing serious offense.</u>	United Kingdom	7/1	P4 Responsibility, P7 Citizenship, P8 Respect for Consumers	Offensive Advertising; Gender Stereotypes; In-Game Advertising; Social Responsibility
2026070102	<u>BeeHome – The ASA ruled Facebook advertisements misleading because they overstated product performance and included unsupported customer review claims.</u>	United Kingdom	7/1	P1 Truth, P2 Substantiation, P6 Transparency	Testimonials; Consumer Reviews; Social Media Advertising; Misleading Advertising
2026070201	<u>Hopper agreed to a \$35 million FTC settlement over allegedly deceptive pricing, hidden fees, and subscription marketing.</u>	United States	7/2	P1 Truth, P2 Substantiation, P3 Fairness, P6 Transparency, P10 Lawfulness	Deceptive Pricing; Hidden Fees; Subscription Claims; Dark Patterns; Consumer Protection
2026070202	<u>FTC finalized an order against Publishing.com, alleging the company misled consumers about how much money they could earn through its publishing business opportunity.</u>	United States	7/2	P1 Truth; P2 Substantiation; P3 Fairness; P10 Lawfulness	Earnings Claims; Business Opportunity Advertising; Consumer Deception
2026070203	<u>The ASA ruled that a gambling advertisement was socially irresponsible because it implied gambling could provide an escape from negative emotions and encouraged irresponsible gambling behavior.</u>	United Kingdom	7/2	P1 Truth, P4 Responsibility, P7 Citizenship, P10 Lawfulness	Gambling Advertising; Social Responsibility; Vulnerable Consumers; Responsible Gambling
2026070204	<u>7-Eleven sued Nike over a sneaker design and launch timing allegedly creating a false impression of sponsorship or endorsement.</u>	United States	7/2	P1 Truth; P6 Transparency; P9 Commercial Relationships; P10 Lawfulness	False Association; Trademark; Unauthorized Endorsement; Product Launch
2026070301	<u>A celebrity endorser withdrew from an AI-company commercial after learning the advertiser's identity shortly before production.</u>	United States	7/3	P5 Disclosure; P6 Transparency; P8 Internal Processes; P9 Commercial Relationships	AI Advertising; Celebrity Endorsement; Client Disclosure; Near Miss
2026070401	<u>FSSAI issued notices to beverage brands over energy-drink naming and functional or therapeutic claims.</u>	India	7/4/26	P1 Truth; P2 Substantiation; P4 Social Responsibility; P5 Disclosure; P6 Transparency; P8 Internal Processes; P10 Lawfulness	Energy Drinks; Functional Claims; Food Labeling; Children; Regulatory Notice

IAE Principles & Practices for Advertising Ethics

Reference Framework

AIRS uses the IAE principles for advertising ethics as an educational framework for identifying the ethical considerations raised by reported incidents. Principle references do not constitute legal findings or determinations of wrongdoing.

P1 Truthful and Non-Misleading Communications	Ensure communications are truthful, not misleading, and do not conceal material information needed for informed choices.
P2 Substantiation	Support express and implied claims with reasonable evidence before publication.
P3 Fairness	Treat consumers fairly, avoid manipulative practices, and apply greater care where harm or vulnerability is greater.
P4 Social Responsibility	Respect human dignity and consider advertising's foreseeable effects on consumers, markets, and society.
P5 Disclosure	Present necessary material terms clearly, conspicuously, and in language the intended audience can understand.
P6 Transparency	Make advertising and sponsored content clearly identifiable, including when automated or algorithmic systems materially shape it.
P7 Privacy	Use privacy by design, collect and retain only necessary data, provide meaningful choices, and guard against foreseeable misuse.
P8 Internal Processes	Maintain effective review and reporting processes that address ethical concerns promptly, seriously, accountably, and without retaliation.
P9 Commercial Relationships	Conduct commercial relationships honestly and transparently, free from undisclosed conflicts of interest.
P10 Lawfulness	Comply with applicable law while recognizing that ethical practice requires more than minimum legal compliance.
P11 Accountable Self-Regulation	Participate in credible self-regulation in good faith and help strengthen or develop effective mechanisms where needed.

The principle references assigned to each incident indicate the issues most directly implicated by the reported conduct.

The IAE Principles & Practices for Advertising Ethics are designed to help advertising, marketing, public relations, media, technology, and related professionals recognize ethical risks and make responsible decisions across the advertising ecosystem. **[READ THE FULL IAE PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES →](#)**