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COVID-19 Fake News Reporting

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Electronic Communications, Postal and Broadcasting Directions issued under Regulation 10 (8) of the Disaster Management Act

Electronic Communications Services Licensees, OTTs and ISPs that provide linear and non-linear services bears the responsibility to remove fake news related to COVID-19 from their platforms immediately after identified as such.

What are Fake News?

“Fake News” means statements made with the intention to deceive as contemplated in the Disaster Management Regulations, 2020

What are the types of Fake News?

- Disinformation: Information that is false and deliberately created to harm a person, social group, organization or country for the purposes to influence public opinion or obscure the truth.
- Misinformation: Information that is false but not created to cause harm or misleading readers.
- Mal-Information: Deliberate publication of private information for personal or private interest, as well as the deliberate manipulation of genuine content.

How do I report Fake News?

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What information must I include when reporting Fake News?

The social media post, article or document deemed to be Fake News.

A link to where the post, article or document is located.

The Directions came into effect on 26 March 2020 and will remain in effect for the duration of COVID-19 disaster period