



PUBLIC NOTICE

SIGNAL INTERFERENCE ARISING OUT OF USAGE OF NETWORK REPEATERS - "BOOSTERS"

The Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) was established under Section 4 of the Uganda Communications Act 2013 to regulate the communications sector in Uganda. UCC has received complaints from the national telecommunications operators about interference caused by unauthorised use of repeater stations (also known as boosters) aimed at boosting the mobile network signals.

The unauthorised repeater stations amplify the radio signal noise environment, thus causing signal interference to mobile networks of the duly licensed network operators, which affects the quality of service of the affected network.

Section 21 of the Uganda Communications Act 2013 stipulates that;

A person shall not, without a licence issued by the Commission—

- (a) establish or use any radio station or provide radio communication services;**
- (b) sell, let, hire or otherwise dispose of any radio communications apparatus;**
- (c) manufacture, possess, install, connect or operate any radio communications apparatus or interference-causing apparatus.**

Therefore, the use of network repeaters contravenes the Uganda Communications Act 2013 and regulations issued there under. The general public is hereby warned against the unauthorised sale, purchase, installation, and use or operation of repeater stations/devices except where a licensed mobile network operator provides and configures such for use. UCC shall take enforcement action against the sale, purchase, installation, and use or operation of such devices without further warning, effective 1st August 2021.