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CASE REPORT

1. Complaint reference number 300/04

2. Advertiser Monster Communications (Mobile Frenz)

3. Product Telecommunications

4. Type of advertisement Print

5. Nature of complaint Portrayal of sex/sexuality/nudity – section 2.3

Health and safety – section 2.6

6. Date of determination Tuesday, 9 November 2004

7. DETERMINATION Dismissed

DESCRIPTION OF THE ADVERTISEMENT

The advertisement is a print advertisement which features images of a variety of available mobile phone ring tones and colour messages. Some of the available messages and images in the advertisement feature women in provocative positions wearing bikinis and/or lingerie. One image includes the by-line "U-drink, U-drive, U-better".

THE COMPLAINT

Comments which the complainant/s made regarding this advertisement included the following:

"This advertisement is demonstrably IMBALANCED, as there are exactly NO images of scantily clad men in becoming positions."

"I mean, call me old fashioned! Drink driving fatalities amongst young people come to mind."

THE ADVERTISER'S RESPONSE

At the time of drafting this determination, the advertiser had not submitted a response to the complaint/s regarding this advertisement.

THE DETERMINATION

The Advertising Standards Board ("Board") considered whether this advertisement breaches section 2 of the Advertiser Code of Ethics (the "Code").

The Board noted that the women depicted in the images were wearing lingerie and/or bikinis and there was no nudity involved.

The Board found that the depiction did not contravene the provisions of the Code relating to the portrayal of sex/sexuality/nudity and/or health and safety.

Further finding that the advertisement did not breach the Code on any other grounds, the Board dismissed the complaint.