



# NEWS

**Federal Communications Commission**  
**445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**Washington, D. C. 20554**

**News Media Information 202 / 418-0500**  
**Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>**  
**TTY: 1-888-835-5322**

---

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action.  
See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**February 16, 2006**

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:**  
Janice Wise (202) 418-7450  
[Janice.Wise@fcc.gov](mailto:Janice.Wise@fcc.gov)

## **FCC PROPOSES FORFEITURE AGAINST BEHRINGER USA, INC. FOR MARKETING UNAUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT**

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today proposed a \$1 million forfeiture against Behringer USA, Inc. for apparent violation of the FCC's equipment authorization rules.

The Commission concluded that Behringer apparently violated the FCC's rules by marketing in the United States at least 50 models of unauthorized digital audio devices. The rules require that these devices be tested and verified compliant with FCC technical standards prior to marketing them in the United States.

In proposing its forfeiture amount, the Commission considered that Behringer marketed the unauthorized devices for more than five years overall and for almost a year after it was on notice of the FCC's investigation, and that Behringer derived substantial financial gain from the sale of the unauthorized devices.

Action by the Commission, February 16, 2006, by Notice of Apparent Liability (FCC 06-13).  
Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein and Tate.

Enforcement Bureau Contacts: Janice Wise at (202) 418-7450 and Ava Holly Berland at (202) 418-2075

- FCC -