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Fake amiibo Figures

Buyers Beware: *amiibo* Figures Found Without the NFC Chip

After sightings of fake *amiibo* figures in Brazil, Nintendo alerted global customs authorities and tasked investigators and online vendors with monitoring marketplaces. Fake *amiibo* figures, missing the NFC technology, were found in retail stores in China. Nintendo is taking all steps necessary to protect consumers from purchasing the non-functional fake *amiibo* figures.

UK Court Sentences Modchip and R4 Seller to Jail for More Than Two Years

After pleading guilty to offenses relating to the importation and sale of R4 devices and mod chips for Wii and Xbox, a man from the North of England has been sentenced to 27 months in prison. Recognizing the serious nature of the offenses involved and the defendant's monetary gains in excess of £225,000, (approx. \$352,000 USD) the court ordered the defendant to serve more than two years in jail.

Spanish Judge Sentences Local R4 Seller to Six-Month Imprisonment

On May 18th, the criminal courts in La Coruña (a city in Northern Spain) found the owner of the company TodoConsolas S.L. and operator of the e-commerce website www.todoconsolas.com guilty of copyright and trademark infringement for importing and selling R4 circumvention devices. This decision follows two rulings by different criminal courts earlier this year. **Read more:** [AEVI](#).

Dutch Anti-Piracy Organization (BREIN) Obtains Court Order Against R4 Seller

In March, BREIN obtained an injunction from the District Court of Haarlem against a seller in Beverwijk, a town in North Holland, for selling game copiers with pirated Nintendo games as well as modifying *Wii* consoles to enable piracy. **Read more:** [IE Forum](#).

Canada's Notice and Notice Program Takes Effect

In January 2015, Canada enacted the new "Notice and Notice" regime requiring all ISPs to forward notices to subscribers suspected of online infringement. While the volume of notices sent has decreased by almost 50% since the rollout, the infringement continues. It appears online users may be taking steps to hide their IP addresses and making it more difficult for ISPs to identify subscribers involved in infringing activities.