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FILMS
(CLASSIFICATION — EXEMPT VIDEO GAMES)
NOTIFICATION 2019

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(2) of the Films Act, the Minister for Communications and Information makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1. This Notification is the Films (Classification — Exempt Video Games) Notification 2019 and comes into operation on 29 April 2019.

Definitions

2. In this Notification, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “exempt video game” means a video game not containing any depiction or description of —
- (a) any matter likely to cause offence to any race or religious group in Singapore;
 - (b) any religious belief or teaching;

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- (c) psychoactive substance abuse or addiction, explicit criminal acts, terrorism or violence, or other anti-social behaviour (such as images promoting the consumption of illicit drugs), gambling or any matter which promotes unlawful activity;
 - (d) sex, sexual matters or nudity of any kind (including images of persons in revealing or titillating attire);
 - (e) violence or coercion in association with sexual activity (such as images of bondage or rape);
 - (f) acts of torture, cruelty or violence (such as gory images of dismemberment, bloody wounds or impaled bodies);
 - (g) sexual behaviour that does not reflect current community attitudes and values in Singapore;
 - (h) fetishes or deviant sexual practices (such as images of paedophilia, bestiality or necrophilia);
 - (i) any coarse language, any frightening or disturbing sequences, or any depiction or description of abhorrent phenomena, whether natural or pertaining to the supernatural;
 - (j) any act, image or message of any kind which is unsuitable for persons below 16 years of age (such as frequent use of coarse language);
 - (k) any express or implied reference to, or comment on, any candidate, any political party, any election, any referendum, any member of any Legislature, any government or previous government or any opposition to any government or previous government, whether that candidate, political party, election, referendum, member of any Legislature, any government or previous government or opposition is in Singapore or elsewhere; or

(l) any matter —

(i) to demonstrate support for or opposition to the views or actions of any person, group of persons or any government; or

(ii) to publicise a cause or campaign;

“psychoactive substance” means any opioid, cannabinoid, sedative, hypnotic, cocaine, other psychostimulant, hallucinogen or volatile solvent, but does not include alcohol, coffee and tobacco;

“video game” does not include a video game that is any of the following:

(a) an obscene film;

(b) a party political film;

(c) a prohibited film;

(d) a film that is against national security to be classified;

(e) a film that contains material prescribed for the purposes of section 16(1)(e) of the Act.

Exemption from permit to remove imported video game

3. Section 12(1) and (3) of the Act does not apply to or in relation to any exempt video game that is imported by sea, land or air.

Exemption from offence of distributing or publicly exhibiting unclassified video game

4. Section 21(1) of the Act does not apply in respect of the distribution or public exhibition by any person of any exempt video game, or the possession by any person with the intention of distributing or publicly exhibiting any exempt video game.

Cancellation

5. The Films (Video Games Exemption) Notification 2008 (G.N. No. S 436/2008) is cancelled.

Made on 22 April 2019.

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