

EXEMPTION CODES AND GUIDELINES
FOR VIDEO CENSORSHIP EXEMPTION FOR PERSONAL USE

Code	Categories
PA	Arts and Cultural performances that include Opera, Jazz, Classical, Country, Folk & Instrumental Music, Dance, Xiang Sheng, Pantun, Puppetry, Choir and Literary Plays.
PC	Programmes meant for Children Only
PD	Documentaries (excluding those touching on race, religion, politics or topics which may undermine the interests of national security).
PE	Training and Educational
PF	Foreign Television Dramas/Sitcoms recorded directly from TV
PL	Recordings of local TV programmes
PM	Pre-1966 movies and movie clips (ie. produced up till 1965)
PP	Personal Recordings include wedding, family gathering, Tour and other private functions.
PS	Sports
PV/K	Variety, Musical and Karaoke

GUIDELINES ON CONTENT THAT CANNOT BE EXEMPTED

Videos declared for exemption should not violate any laws of Singapore. In addition, videos containing the following scenes /dialogues /themes are **not** exempted from censorship and should not be so declared.

1. SCENE

Violence

Violence refers to acts of force resulting in pain, injury or death. The following portrayals are deemed as violent acts:

- Repeated hitting/punching/kicking;
- Multiple slashing/stabbing/shooting;
- Blood-letting/flowing/spurting;
- Amputation/decapitation/dismemberment; and
- Any other form of torturous and/or sadistic acts.

Sex and Nudity

Sex and nudity relate to depictions of sexual acts and naked human bodies. Some specific examples are:

- Sexual foreplay;
- Sexually ecstatic facial expressions;
- Sexual intercourse; and
- Male and female frontal nudity.

Drug Abuse

- Scenes depicting or promoting drug abuse.

2. DIALOGUE

- Words with obscene and vulgar connotations.

3. THEME

The overall theme of the subject of the video is deemed to be objectionable on moral, social, religious grounds or detrimental to national interest.

Moral

Examples of morally objectionable themes:

- Depiction of deviant sexual behaviour such as incest, and alternative lifestyles such as homosexuality and lesbianism;
- Promotion of free love, sexual promiscuity etc.

Social

Examples of objectionable themes on social grounds:

- Anti-social behaviour such as gangsterism, vandalism and hooliganism;
- Portrayal of the commission of crimes with details of the techniques used.

Religious and Racial

- Propagating of religion.
- Denigrating any race or religion.

Public Interest

Subject or topic that undermine the interests of public security, national defence and public confidence in the law and its enforcement.

Note: If in doubt of the video's content, you are advised to submit the video for censorship.