

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Video Exemptions.**

**Q1. Must all videos be submitted to the Info-communications Media Development Authority (IMDA) for classification?**

A1. No, we have exempted certain categories of videos from classification. These include educational videos, documentaries, and programmes for children, etc, provided the content of these videos fall within the exemption categories and guidelines. Exempt videos must display an exemption label on the cover/ packaging of the title.

**Q2. Can all videos that fall within the exemption categories be exempt from classification?**

A2. To qualify for exemption from classification, a video must fulfil two criteria. Firstly, it must fall within one of the exemption categories. Secondly, it must not contain any impermissible content listed in the exemption guidelines. For example, a documentary containing tribal nudity cannot be exempt from classification as it breaches the exemption guidelines, although it falls within the exemption category of a 'documentary'.

**Q3. Who decides if a video is exempt from classification?**

A3. Exemptions are a co-regulatory effort between the IMDA and the industry, whereby video companies, including retailers and/or distributors, decide whether a video is eligible for exemption. This process has the applicant undertaking a declaration that the content of the video they are importing/distributing is innocuous and in accordance with exemption categories and guidelines.

Additionally, the applicant can search the Films Classification Database on IMDA's website to check if the title has been approved and classified for exemption. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the applicant to go through the content and ensure that the video falls within the exemption categories and guidelines.

**Q4. I am unsure if the video can be exempted from classification. Can I submit the video for classification to the IMDA?**

A4. Exempt works are sometimes rated because the distributor may be unsure if the content can be exempt from classification and submits it for classification. The IMDA will accept all submissions of content and will subsequently inform the applicant if a specific content can be exempt from classification.

**Q5. What happens if a video is declared for exemption from classification when it should not be?**

A5. It is considered a breach under the Films Act to bypass classification of a title by declaring it under exemption from classification. Breaches will be investigated by the IMDA.

**Q6. Do I have to affix the exemption label if the exemption number is indicated on the packaging?**

A6. The intent of the new exemption label is to indicate to consumer that the video is exempt from classification and assist them in making an informed decision. The exemption number, on the other hand, assists the IMDA in its compliance and monitoring. While IMDA accepts indication of just the exemption number on the casing/packing, companies are encouraged to include both the exemption label and number on the packaging and/or casing of the video title.

The exemption label can be incorporate into the artwork of the packaging, or be pasted or stuck on the packaging.