INFO-COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CLOSING NOTE TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE VIDEO GAMES CLASS LICENCE

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1. BACKGROUND

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PART 1: BACKGROUND

On 11 April 2023, IMDA published the notice on proposed amendments to the Films (Class Licence for Video Games Distribution) Order 2019 ("Video Games Class Licence"). The public consultation was held from 11 April 2023 to 12 May 2023. IMDA did not receive any written responses at the close of the public consultation.

PART 2: IMDA'S FINAL POSITION

- 2 This closing note sets out IMDA's final position to the public consultation. IMDA will move persons who distribute both video games and non-age restricted films ("mixed distributors") from individual licence to automatic class licence and the Video Games Class Licence will be amended to allow for the distribution of non-age restricted films (i.e. films classified PG13 and below, and exempt films¹).
- 3 There is no change to the other conditions of Video Games Class Licence, i.e. conditions on demonstration of video games and restricted demonstration area, and advance reporting condition for distribution of video games. The requirements for classification and affixing of classification labels and consumer advice (where applicable) continue to apply. There is no licence fee or security deposit imposed on class licensees.
- 4 IMDA will proceed to amend the Video Games Class Licence to allow for the distribution of non-age restricted films. IMDA expects the revisions to the Video Games Class Licence to be gazetted by Q3 CY2023.

¹ An exempt film refers to an exempt film within the meaning of the Films (Classification – Exempt Films Other than Video Games) Notification 2019.