

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 1993
ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) ACT 1910
CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE 1993

The Classification of Publications (Amendment) Ordinance 1993 amends the Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983 to -

- (a) correct anomalies in the Principal Ordinance relating to:
 - (i) the determination of fees for a compilation of works submitted on one film;
 - (ii) the omission of a provision to determine classification markings for 'X' classified films and posters, trailer films and other printed matter giving publicity to a classified film; and
 - (iii) the regulation of advertising matter to allow the Censor to impose conditions and to provide criteria for decisions to refuse to approve or to revoke an approval of advertising material.
- (b) bring the Ordinance into line with current administrative practice by removing the requirement to publish classification decisions for publications in the Gazette, and make the date of effect for such decisions the date of notice to the applicant; and
- (c) clearly establishing the principle that a film shall be sold, hired or exhibited in the form in which it was classified.

The Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983, which commenced on 1 February 1984, provides for publications and films (including videocassettes) in the Australian Capital Territory to be subject to a censorship classification scheme agreed to in July 1983 by Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers with responsibility for censorship matters.

The amendments seek to address anomalies in the Principal Ordinance and bring the Ordinance into line with current administrative practice.