

Film Classification Act 1971

DETERMINATION OF MARKINGS FOR FILMS

I, JOHN JOSEPH DICKIE, Chief Commonwealth Film Censor, make the following determination under sub-section 5(4) of the *Film Classification Act 1971*:

1. For the purposes of section 5 of the *Film Classification Act 1971* and subject to clause 3, the markings in relation to a film that is advertised on a printed advertisement and is classified under the *Film and Video Tape Classification Act 1984* of the State of New South Wales (NSW) ('classified') as :
 - (i) a 'G' film shall comprise:
 - (a) a symbol, being the letter 'G', enclosed within, but not touched at any point by, a triangle ('the G symbol');
 - (b) immediately to the right of the G symbol the words 'FOR GENERAL EXHIBITION' ('the G classification description');
 - and
 - (c) immediately beneath the G classification description, additional words that constitute consumer advice, if applicable;
 - (ii) a 'PG' film shall comprise:
 - (a) a symbol, being the letters 'PG' enclosed within, but not touched at any point by, a rectangle ('the PG symbol');
 - (b) immediately to the right of the PG symbol the words 'PARENTAL GUIDANCE RECOMMENDED FOR PERSONS UNDER 15 YEARS' ('the PG classification description'); and
 - (c) immediately beneath the PG classification description, additional words that constitute consumer advice;
 - (iii) a 'M' film shall comprise:
 - (a) a symbol, being the letter 'M' enclosed within, but not touched at any point by, a circle ('the M symbol');
 - (b) immediately to the right of the M symbol the characters '15+' ('the M age description');
 - (c) immediately to the right of the M age description the words 'RECOMMENDED FOR MATURE AUDIENCES 15 YEARS AND OVER' ('the M classification description'); and
 - (d) immediately beneath the M classification description, additional words that constitute consumer advice;

- (iv) a 'MA' film shall comprise:
 - (a) a symbol, being the letters 'MA' enclosed within a hexagonal ('the MA symbol');
 - (b) immediately to the right of the 'MA' symbol the characters '15+' ('the MA age description');
 - (c) immediately to the right of the MA age description the words 'RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO PERSONS UNDER 15 YEARS' ('the MA classification description'); and
 - (d) immediately beneath the MA classification description, additional words that constitute consumer advice;
 - (v) a 'R' film shall comprise:
 - (a) a symbol, being the letter 'R' enclosed within, but not touched at any point by, a diamond ('the R symbol');
 - (b) immediately to the right of the R symbol the characters '18+' ('the R age description');
 - (c) immediately to the right of the R age description the words 'RESTRICTED TO ADULTS 18 YEARS AND OVER' ('the R classification description'); and
 - (d) immediately beneath the R classification description, additional words that constitute consumer advice.
2. The form and manner of the display of the markings referred to in clause 1 shall, with respect to:
- (i) the PG symbol, be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 108 points (38mm) long and 81 points (28.5mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 67 points (23.5mm) long and 50 points (17.5mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 20 points (7mm) long and 16 points (5.5mm) high;
 - (ii) any symbol referred to in clause 1, other than the PG symbol be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 108 points (38mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 67 points (23.5mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 20 points (7mm) high;
 - (iii) any letter that forms part of a symbol referred to in clause 1, be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 54 points (19mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 34 points (12mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 10 points (3.5mm) high;
 - (iv) each character in the M, MA and the R age descriptions, be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 36 points (12.5mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 22 points (7.5mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 7 points (2.5mm) high;

- (v) each letter in a word, being a word other than consumer advice, be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 27 points (9.5mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 17 points (6mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 6 points (2mm) high;
 - (vi) each letter in a word, being consumer advice, be:
 - (a) on a One Sheet Poster, 22 points (7.5mm) high;
 - (b) on a Day Bill Poster, 14 points (5mm) high; and
 - (c) on any other printed advertisement which is 150 square centimetres or more, 6 points (2mm) high.
- 3. In a printed advertisement which is less than 150 square centimetres and which relates to a classified film:
 - (i) the markings shall be:
 - (a) if the film is classified as G, PG or M film - the G, PG or M symbol respectively; or
 - (b) if the film is classified as an MA or R film - the MA or R symbol respectively and immediately to the right of the symbol the appropriate age description; and
 - (ii) the form and manner of display of those markings shall be such that the symbol and characters (if any) shall be not less than half the height of the general letter size in the main title of the film included in the advertisement.
- 4. In a trailer film which relates to a classified film:
 - (i) the markings shall be as set out in clause 3;
 - (ii) the markings are to be displayed for a period of 5 seconds as a projected image that accompanies the trailer; and
 - (iii) the symbol that is, or forms part of, the markings is to occupy 5 per centum of the area of the projected image.
- 5. In large advertisements other than those specified in clauses 2, 3 and 4, such as billboards:
 - (i) the markings shall be as set out in clause 1;
 - (ii) the size of the markings shall be such that they occupy 5% of the area of the advertisement.
- 6. Notwithstanding any other clause, the form and manner of display of markings shall be such that:
 - (i) they are as close as practicable to the title of the film; and
 - (ii) their typeface and colours are prominently and easily distinguishable from any other matter with which they are displayed.

7. In this determination, 'consumer advice' means the words (if any) described as consumer advice in the Chief Censor's notice of the decision which classified the film.
8. A requirement in this determination that a matter or thing be a prescribed measurement will be satisfied if the matter or thing exceeds that measurement.
9. The determined markings for films classified between 11 October 1989 and 3 May 1993 are and shall remain those specified in the Chief Censor's Determination of 19 September 1989 published in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette Number 21 of 11 October 1989. This determination applies to films classified on or after 3 May 1993.

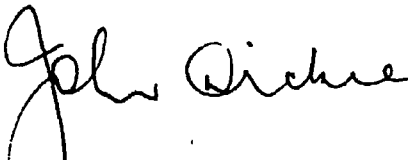
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CHIEF CENSOR