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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 26 February 1999

Further report of the Bills Committee on Film Censorship (Amendment) Bill 1998

Purpose

This paper further reports on the deliberations of the Bills Committee on Film Censorship (Amendment) Bill 1998, subsequent to its first report to the House Committee on 5 February 1999.

Deliberations of the Bills Committee

Updated term to describe any form of visual moving images

2. To address members' concern on whether the existing provisions of the Film Censorship Ordinance are capable of dealing with new forms of media, such as VCD, DVD and CD-ROM, and whether an updated term which can encompass all different forms of visual moving images is required, the Administration has reviewed the Ordinance and proposed further technical amendments to sections 9(3A), 13(4C) and 29A(1)(a) to keep abreast with the advancement in technology. The Administration has confirmed that the term "laserdisc", which has been proposed to be added to the said provisions, would include VCD, DVD and CD-ROM.

Committee stage amendments

3. The full set of Committee stage amendments (CSAs) to be moved by the Administration are in the Appendix.

Recommendations

4. The Bills Committee recommends that, subject to the CSAs to be moved by the Administration, the Second Reading debate on the Bill be resumed on 10 March 1999 as previously reported.

Advice sought

5. Members are invited to note the deliberations of the Bills Committee and support the recommendation at paragraph 4 above.

FILM CENSORSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for
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Clause

Amendment Proposed

4 In the Chinese text, by deleting the proposed section 8A(3) and substituting -

"(3) 儘管有第(1)款的規定，監督可藉用面交或掛號郵遞方式向任何憑藉第(2)款上映或擬憑藉第(2)款上映該款所述種類的定畫影片的人送達的書面通知，規定該人在自送達當日起計的5個工作天之內，或在任何個別個案中監督所准竟較長期間內，向監督送呈該定畫影片。".

5 (a) In paragraph (b), in the proposed section 9(3)(b), by adding "有" before "規限".

(b) By adding -

"(ba) in subsection (3A), by adding "or a laserdisc" after "videotape".".

7 By deleting the clause and substituting -

"7. Certificate of approval, notice of refusal to approve and notice concerning excision

Section 13 is amended -

- (a) in subsections (1)(a) and (4)(b)(iii)(A), by repealing "the prescribed form" and substituting "such form as the Authority may determine";
- (b) in subsection (4C), by adding "or a laserdisc" after "videotape".

8(c) In the Chinese text, by deleting the proposed section 15B(4)(b)(iii) and substituting -

"(iii) 在一項規定已根據（a）段作出的情況下，須批署有該項規定。".

New By adding -

"12A. Authority to maintain repository

Section 29A(1)(a) is amended by adding "or laserdiscs" after "videotapes".