



Video Recordings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 39

Designated authority

[^{F1}4A **Criteria for suitability to which special regard to be had.**

[^{F2}(1) The designated authority shall, in making any determination as to the suitability of a video work, have special regard (among the other relevant factors) to any harm that may be caused to potential viewers or, through their behaviour, to society by the manner in which the work deals with—

- (a) criminal behaviour;
- (b) illegal drugs;
- (c) violent behaviour or incidents;
- (d) horrific behaviour or incidents; or
- (e) human sexual activity.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“potential viewer” means any person (including a child or young person) who is likely to view the video work in question if a classification certificate or a classification certificate of a particular description were issued;

“suitability” means suitability for the issue of a classification certificate or suitability for the issue of a certificate of a particular description;

“violent behaviour” includes any act inflicting or likely to result in the infliction of injury;

and any behaviour or activity referred to in subsection (1)(a) to (e) above shall be taken to include behaviour or activity likely to stimulate or encourage it.]]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 4A, 4B inserted (3.11.1994) by [1994 c. 33, ss. 90\(1\), 172\(4\)](#)

F2 Ss. 1-17 repealed and revived (21.1.2010) by [Video Recordings Act 2010 \(c. 1\), ss. 1\(1\), 2\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. paras. 2\(2\), 6](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Video Recordings Act 1984, Section 4A.