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Dear Mr Goodman

PROSCRIBED TV SERVICES

Thank you for your letter of 16 February asking for details of television services banned by this Department.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (and its predecessor the Department of National Heritage) has not banned any television service. The Secretary of State, however, has proscribed six foreign hard-core pornographic satellite television services. These are:

Date	Service
1 May 1993	Red Hot Television
5 December 1995	XXX TV Erotica
31 October 1996	Rendez-Vous Television
24 April 1997	Satisfaction Club Television
20 August 1998	Eurotica Rendez-Vous
30 December 1998	Eros TV

A proscription order does not prevent a broadcaster from broadcasting, but makes it an offence in the UK to supply dedicated equipment (eg. smartcards) and programme material, to advertise for or on a proscribed channel, or to provide any other service in support of the channel. The principal effects, therefore, are that a proscribed service cannot be marketed lawfully in the UK and that its commercial revenue is restricted.

The Norwegian government has also imposed restrictions on the broadcast of TV1000, a pornographic satellite service emanating from Sweden.

Yours sincerely

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