

CAMPAIGN

CENSORSHIP

AGAINST

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

PO Box 570
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The Director
BBFC 3 Soho Square
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Sir,

ADJUSTMENT OF SEX & VIOLENCE POLICY 2012

You pray in aid that "members of the film-going public supported intervention within the adult film and video category." You presumably mean the majority. In other words you are playing to the gallery and practising tyranny of the majority over the right of freedom of expression for the minority. As John Stuart Mill stated "if all mankind minus one were of one opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." Your role is classification, not nannyist censorship of lawful material.

British aficionados of simulated S-M are entitled to the same freedom of expression as they enjoy in other Western countries. California and Munich, for instance, host consensual S-M festivals at which DVDs can be purchased outside your jurisdiction and then lawfully imported into this country. Your prohibition of the British depiction of ball-gags is petty, ridiculous and easily circumvented by use of the internet. . They are lawful and consensual, as the wearer can unfasten it or indicate that she wants this done for her by making the pre-arranged hand signal which is a requirement of consensual S-M.

Yours for freedom of expression,

E. Goodman
Chair of CAC.