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Dear E Goodman,

Thank you for your letter dated 01 January 2013 to David Cooke, BBFC Director. Mr Cooke has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The role of the BBFC remains the classification of film and DVD works. The recent research on sexual and sadistic violence shows that the public agrees that the BBFC should intervene at the adult category in certain specific circumstances. It also gives us more research-based evidence about where the public do and do not want intervention, providing us with further information when making our classification decisions.

I am afraid you are incorrect in stating that ball gags are "prohibited" in works. This is not the case. Only where ball gags are used in a manner which prevents consent being given or withdrawn or is ambiguous – for example, combined with restraint of movement of limbs inhibiting hand signals - would we intervene.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to express your views to us. I hope this response has explained our position for you.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Green
Chief Assistant (Policy)