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Dear Mr Goodman

Thank you for your letter of 18th March.

You have raised two queries: the first relates to our existing role under current legislation, while the second relates to our proposed new role under the Digital Economy Bill.

In relation to your first query about legislation such as the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act, I refer you to our Classification Guidelines, which are available on our website (specifically pages 24 - the R18 category, and pages 34-36 - the Legal Considerations Annexe).

In response to the second query, the BBFC has agreed in principle to become the Age Verification regulator, although at present the Bill is still making its way through Parliament and the BBFC is not yet designated. If designated, the BBFC will implement the new law as described in statute. Your query about the scope of the Bill is perhaps better delivered to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Regards, Graham Hill

Policy & Public Affairs Officer BBFC