

**[ VRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 98-003,  
December 17, 1998 ]**

**REVISIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATION  
OF VIDEOGRAM ACT**

Pursuant to the powers of the Board under Section 3, subsections 9 and 11 of Presidential Decree No. 1987 relative to matters relating to the review and classification of videogram contents, and in accordance with Board Resolution No. 98-12-132 dated December 07, 1998, all videogram retailers, dealers and wholesalers as well as the public concerned, are advised to take due notice of the following revisions of the implementing rules and regulations:

**Amendments of the Review Rules and Procedures**

**Chapter 5**

*SECTION 11. Matter Subject to Review* - All commercial videograms shall be subject to review by the Board before they are reproduced, distributed, sold, rented or publicly exhibited.

*SECTION 12. Statement of Intent* - Motion Pictures in videogram formats qualify for approval regardless of topic, theme or subject matter

Videogram contents recorded from television programs and motion pictures shall be submitted to the Board for review and classification, applying, as a general standard, contemporary Filipino values.

The classification system calls upon the assumption of responsibility by parents. The Board renders the classification to give parents advance information about the content of a videogram in order for them to decide what they will allow their children to see.

The classification shall be based on the treatment of theme, violence, language, nudity, drug abuse, and other similar elements. In making the evaluation, the Board shall not consider pieces or portions of film in isolation but shall look at the submitted material in its entirety. It shall base its decision on what is seen or heard on screen, and not on what is imagined.

*SECTION 13. Review Standards* - The Board shall judge the content of the videogram not in its theme but its treatment of a theme, not on its plot, but on the thesis the plot espouses, not on its parts or portions but in its entirety and the picture as a whole, disallowing that which is objectionable for being immoral, indecent, libelous, contrary to law or good customs, injurious to the prestige of the Republic of the Philippines and its people. With this guiding principle of review the Board in general should scrutinize films which: