

**[MTRCB Memorandum Circular No. 01-2015,
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**AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE REVIEW AND
CLASSIFICATION OPTICAL MEDIA MATERIALS**

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WHEREAS, Section 27 of Republic Act No. 9239^[1] transfers to the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board ("Board") the review and classification functions of the Optical Media Board;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Board's mandate to promote and ensure an atmosphere of global competitiveness in the movie and television industries, and in harmony with the national policy to promote, develop and maintain the same as viable industry by protecting it from the inroads of obscenity, unjustified violence, and other audio/video content that is offensive to the moral and social values of the Filipino community, this amendment to the Rules and Regulations on the Standard for Review and Classification of Optical Media Materials is now imperative;

WHEREAS, public utility buses, ferries, restaurants and other public places were observed to have been publicly exhibiting in their respective premises motion pictures in an optical media material despite the fact that the permit to exhibit for all optical media materials is clearly for home viewing only;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Board's power to review and classify all public exhibitions of motion pictures, television programs and publicity materials, and in view of the above considerations, the Board hereby resolves, as follows:

SECTION 1. Definition of Public Exhibition of an Optical Media Material - The act of viewing or exhibiting the audio/video content of an optical media material, whether for theatrical or non-theatrical exhibition, or for private or general viewing, and whether for monetary, promotional or other consideration, is deemed as a public exhibition of the said optical media material for purposes of this Circular. Hence, the distinction enunciated in the Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Standards for Review and Classification of Optical Media Materials between a private viewing and public viewing of an optical media material is hereby vacated.

SECTION 2. Classification of Optical Media Material – All optical media materials shall be classified as either General Audience ("G"), Parental Guidance ("PG"), Restricted-13 ("R-13"), Restricted -16 ("R-16"), or Restricted -18 ("R-18") following the standards provided under MTRCB Memorandum Circular No. 08-2012^[2], amending Chapter IV of the 2004 Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. 1986. The Rating for Private Viewing under Section 3, Rule 6 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Standards for Review and Classification of Optical Media