

[MTRCB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-03, January 09, 2003]

AMENDMENT OF THE MTRCB IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please be informed that by virtue of a Resolution passed by the MTRCB Board in December, 2002, the following Amendment of the MTRCB Implementing Rules and Regulations was adopted and takes effect immediately.

CHAPTER III Movie, Television, and Trailer Classification

SECTION 3. Movie Classification — Movies shall be classified as: GENERAL AUDIENCE ("G"); Parental Guidance-13 ("PG"); STRICTLY FOR 13 AND UP ("R-13"); Strictly for Adults ("R"); and NOT FOR PUBLIC VIEWING ("X").

(a) GENERAL AUDIENCE ("G"), all ages admitted — A movie which, in the judgment of the BOARD, contains nothing that would be deemed offensive by parents whose young children were to view the material. The material must at all time be wholesome.

While some snippets of language may go beyond polite conversation, they should be common everyday expressions. No stronger words are present in "G" films. Violence is at a minimum. There is no sexually-oriented nudity. Any drug use content pushes the "G" film into a "PG-13" classification.

(b) PARENTAL GUIDANCE — 13 ("PG-13"), parents strongly cautioned. A "PG" film may contain some material inappropriate for children below 13. Parents are strongly cautioned to give special attention to this film before allowing their minor children to view it. Children below 13 may view a "PG-13" film only if accompanied by parent or an adult.

The "PG-13" classification will generally not allow considerable sex or violence. A film's single use of a harsh sexually derived word, though only as an expletive, may lead the BOARD to issue the material an "R" classification, as may one of these words used in sexual context.

The "PG-13" places the principal responsibility on parents for their children's moviegoing. Its purpose is to give prescreening advance information or warnings. (c) STRICTLY FOR 13 AND UP (R-13). A movie which, in the judgment of the BOARD, goes beyond a "G" and "PG" classifications in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, or other contents but does not quite fit in the "STRICTLY FOR ADULTS" ("R") rating.