

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

1989 No. 11

The Classification of Publications Ordinance 1989 (the Ordinance) provides for the classification of publications (including films and videos).

Section 64 of the Ordinance provides that the Attorney-General may make regulations not inconsistent with the Ordinance.

The Ordinance previously provided for regulation of distribution within the Australian Capital Territory of classified publications. However those provisions are now contained in the Publications Control Ordinance 1989.

Consequently certain matters relating to restricted publications areas (areas from which minors are excluded) and prescribed bodies are now provided for under the Publications Control Ordinance 1989 rather than the Ordinance. Regulations under the Ordinance in respect of these matters are therefore repealed by the Classification of Publications Regulations (Amendment) (the Regulations).

Details of the Regulations are as follows.

Clause 1 provides that the Regulations will commence on the date of commencement of the Publications Control Ordinance 1989.

Clause 2 repeals Regulations 3, 4 and 6 of the Classification of Publications Regulations. Regulation 3 dealt with construction management and control of restricted publications areas. Regulation 4 prescribed the form of notice to be placed at the entrance to a restricted publications area. Regulation 6 prescribed those bodies to which it is not an offence to publish a category 1 or 2 restricted publication or an "R" or "X" film or a video which is unclassified or has been refused classification. All those matters are now prescribed in Regulations under the Publications Control Ordinance 1989.

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the Minister for the Arts
and Territories