

**Table 3: CURRENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR VIOLENT MATERIAL IN BROADCASTING AND PUBLICATIONS**

TYPE	BROADCASTING								PRINTED PUBLICATIONS	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	OTHER	
	ABC	SBS	Commercial Television	Commercial Radio	Community Television and Radio	Subscription Television	Other Class Licences	Transborder Broadcasts	Books and Magazines	Telecommunications Services	Videos and Films	Video Games
<b>Main Legislative Instrument providing for Censorship</b>	Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983 & Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991 & Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Broadcasting Services Act 1992	Broadcasting Services Act 1992	ITU regulations	Customs Act 1901 and State and Territory Legislation <sup>1</sup>	Telecommunications Act 1991 does not regulate content. Crimes Act	Customs Act 1901 and State and Territory Legislation <sup>1</sup>	Customs Act 1901 and State and Territory Legislation <sup>1</sup>
<b>Specific Legislative Provisions</b>	s.8(e) of the ABC Act and s.150-153 of the BSA	s.10(j) of the SBS Act and s.150-153 of the BSA	s.123 Schedule 2 Clause 7(1)(b)	s.123 Schedule 2 Clause 8(1)(b)	s.123 Schedule 2 Clause 9(1)(c)	s.123 Schedule 2 Clause 10(1)(b)	s.123 Schedule 2 Clause 11(1)(b)	n/a	Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regs & State and Territory Legislation	s.85ZE Crimes Act <sup>2</sup>	Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regs & State and Territory Legislation	Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regs & State and Territory Legislation
<b>Applicable Code</b>	ABC Code of Practice	SBS Codes of Practice	Commercial Television Industry Code of Practice (FACTS)	Federation of Australian Radio Broadcasters Code	Still under development. Draft prepared	Not yet started	Not yet started	n/a	OFLC Guidelines for Classification of Printed Matter	TISSC Codes of Practice for audiotext services (eg '0055')	OFLC Guidelines for Classification of Films and Videos	?
<b>Clause/Regs specific to Violence</b>	2.1	2.2	2 and 4.3	1.1(a)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4A	A1.4, C1.1, C1.4	4A	4A
<b>Main Elements</b>	Must be justifiable or else should not be presented, emphasis on violence against women. In news, violent events should not be sensationalised.	Keep violence to a minimum & in no circumstances to present it gratuitously. Violence should not be glamorised or made attractive. In news, will not sensationalised.	See Section 5.3.2 and Table 1	See Section 5.3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	See Section 5.2, 5.4 and Table 2	See Section 5.5	See Section 5.3.1	See Section 5.2

<sup>1</sup>State and Territory Legislation consists of *Film Classification Act 1971 (ACT)*, *Classification of Publications Ordinance 1983 (ACT)*, *Publications Control Act 1989 (ACT)*, *Classification of Films and Publications Act 1990 (Vic)*, *Film and Video Tape Classification Act 1984 (NSW)*, *Classification of Films Act 1991 (Qld)*, *Classification of Films for Public Exhibition Act 1971 (SA)*, *Classification of Publications Act 1974 (SA)*, *Films Act 1971 (Tas)*, *Censorship of Films Act 1947 (WA)*, *Videotapes Classification and Control Act 1987 (WA)* and *Classification of Publications and Films Act 1985 (NT)*  
<sup>2</sup>*Crimes Act (Cwlth)* s.85ZE makes it an offence to knowingly or recklessly use the telecommunications service in a way that would be regarded as offensive.