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**NOTICE TO APPLICANTS OF VIDEO FILMS
REGARDING ONLINE SCREENINGS BY CBFC COMMITTEES**

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The ongoing COVID-19 crisis in India and the extraordinary challenges it has posed to our film fraternity, has driven us in CBFC to make some procedural change for this period, to help out people approaching us for certification, without unduly putting them at risk and also securing the health of our panel members and staff.

In this connection, it has been decided to provide option of **online upload on Vimeo platform, to Applicants of Video Films over 10 minutes duration (including Long Films i.e. Films over 72 minutes), while presenting those to CBFC Committees** across different CBFC offices. Online screening would be followed by telephonic hearing to the Applicants. This would help in minimizing visits of Applicants/representatives and Committee members to Office-places, thereby reducing infection risk to them. Online upload facility (on e-cinepramaan portal) is already provided to Short Films upto 10 minutes duration, and will continue to operate as earlier.

This new facility would be valid till the time CEO, CBFC is satisfied that the Coronavirus infection risk is substantially reduced in the region of respective CBFC Office and the regular system of Films' screenings at office-space can be resumed.

Also it is 'optional', and therefore those Applicants who are willing to wait till the time regular screenings in CBFC offices are resumed, can do so without risk of getting their Applications cancelled.

If the applicants of Theatrical Films wish to exhibit their films directly on TV/Satellite, they can separately apply under Video Films category and then the Film can be examined through the above facility.

Steps in the online examination of Video films:

1. After the approval of Application in scrutiny, Applicant would be informed about the Scheduled screening by the Programme Coordinator from CBFC.
2. If the Applicant is willing for online screening of their Films through Vimeo links, they would be required to send duly filled and signed 'Undertaking' (see Annexure below) by e-mail to CBFC.
3. Applicant shall then upload certification copy of the film on Vimeo as a private video (password protected).
4. The applicant shall then share the video link with a specially created CBFC email Id communicated to him by the Coordinator. The Film's Video shared through link shall be password-protected and disabled for download at User's end. However, only the Link shall be provided without the password.
5. Just before the start of Online screening, the password would be communicated by Applicant to the Coordinator on his/her phone, who would share it with the Committee.
6. The committee members shall be simultaneously examining the Film working from their homes, through online streaming using the Vimeo link provided by Applicant.
7. Once the Film is over, there will be discussion through teleconferencing among members and hearing would be provided to applicant by adding him on the call.
7. After the decision of Committee is communicated to Applicant through e-cinepramaan portal, Applicant shall submit the Film in DVD in CBFC Office, with modifications duly carried out, as directed in the show-cause notice.
8. After verification of modifications by CBFC and approval of Final script uploaded online(as applicable), Film's DVD shall be sealed and Certificate shall be issued. Applicants can remove the Film or disable the sharing option, from their Vimeo account, once Certificate is issued.

(Note: Rest of the processes during certification, would be same as has been routinely followed as per the statutory provisions).



Ravinder Bhakar

Chief Executive Officer

CBFC

Undertaking regarding online screening to be submitted by Applicants

I/We,, the applicant(s) in respect of the Video Film..... Language....., do hereby undertake and declare that utmost privacy and security will be followed by me/us, while providing the Film to Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for online examination on Vimeo platform and while participating in the telephonic hearing of the Film. The Film will be exclusively shared with CBFC in password-protected and download-disabled form. I/We bear the whole responsibility in respect of possible risks in the online screening of Films for certification. The Board, its officers and committee members working from their homes, shall not be held liable for leakage, piracy, etc. in respect of above-mentioned Films and any other content on my Vimeo account .

I/We also undertake that the dialogues and screenplay of the above-mentioned Film exactly matches with the script submitted online on e-cinepramaan portal at the time of Application. Also the DVD print of the Film that would be deposited to CBFC for sealing will be exact copy of Film shown during online screening by the examining committee, except for the modifications duly carried out on directions of its Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Place:

Name:

Date:

Address:

(to be filled, scanned and mailed to CBFC)

Draft of Declaration from the Advisory Panel Members

1. I, Mr/Mrs..... the Advisory Panel Member, inRegional Office of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) hereby undertake and declare that in line with the sanctity and confidentiality of the CBFC committee proceedings as per Rule 22(4) of Cinematograph Certification Rules, 1983 that I will maintain utmost privacy and secrecy in examination of the Films while working from my home.
2. I undertake not to record and disclose the Films' contents and/or the Committee discussions/hearings in any manner whatsoever to any other persons including the Applicants and people at my home.
3. I undertake not to use the official e- mail and the films' video link shared by CBFC with me, for the purposes other than online viewing of the Films during their Examinations.
4. I also undertake that all the committee records/reports maintained by me at home, will be securely kept in secrecy, and won't be shared with anyone including family members. I shall be depositing all these official documents at the CBFC Office as soon as possible, once the Covid-19 situation eases.
5. I understand that the Examining Officer is the only authorized person to communicate with any person outside the Committee including the Applicant. I also understand that any violation of the confidentiality will be viewed as a serious breach, calling for appropriate action by the Authorities including CBFC.

Signature of Member

Name:

Address:

Place:

Date:

