

Quarterly Report of Appeals, Complaints and Advice – EE Strict

The BBFC is the regulator of commercial and internet content delivered via the mobile network of EE for its 'Strict' level of mobile content.

In the interest of transparency, the BBFC publishes all of its adjudications in relation to cases reported to it of purported underblocking or overblocking, along with requests for advice on whether particular content should go behind parental controls or adult filters.

We keep this list updated as and when new cases are reported to us and publish updates every three months.

In all cases, the BBFC conveys its adjudication to (i) the complainant, appellant or person or body seeking advice; and (ii) the mobile network operator EE.

In the following cases, the adjudications represent an assessment of the content according to the terms of the BBFC's EE Strict Classification Framework. Any subsequent changes to content have therefore not been viewed by the BBFC, although we reserve the right to change our adjudication should altered content be brought to our attention subsequently.

All websites that the BBFC would classify 18 or R18, or refuse to classify, would be automatically considered unsuitable for the EE Strict Classification Framework. Further information on the original Quarterly Report adjudications are available on the BBFC's website [here](#).

July 2020

8 July 2020

Website

treetvapours.com

Issue

The website owner contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the site was placed behind adult filters, despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 8 July 2020.

We noted the site retails a range of Cannabidiol (CBD) based products. The site contained general information on CBD, as well as a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section which emphasised that the CBD products advertised do not possess any psychoactive properties. The products were not marketed as medicines. As such, we found no material that the BBFC would classify 12 or consider unsuitable for EE strict customers.

20 July 2020

Website

daniapipes.org

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC adjudicated on the website on 20 July 2020.

We noted that the site is a current affairs blog, focussing on American and Middle Eastern politics and culture. While articles discuss topics such as religion, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, American politics, and Islam and terrorism, we did not find any evidence to suggest the site encourages hate speech, violence or discrimination. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for EE Strict customers.

28 July 2020

Website

belezy.com

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC adjudicated on the website on 20 July 2020.

We noted that the site promotes a French 'naturist campsite' holiday resort. The site features illustrative photographs of nude guests, including men, women, and children interacting with the resort's facilities. None of the nudity is sexualised and genital nudity is infrequent and discreetly shot throughout the website. Accordingly, we found no material that the BBFC would classify 12 or consider unsuitable for EE strict customers.

August 2020

21 August 2020

Website

vulturevpn.com

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 21 August 2020.

We noted that the site advertised the services of a paid-for VPN site. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for EE Strict customers.

September 2020

21 September

Website

10bestvpn.co.uk/

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the site was placed behind adult filters, despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 21 September 2020.

We noted that the site reviewed paid-for VPN services, and included a blog about a range of VPN services. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for EE Strict customers.

30 September

Website

wearelava.com/

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the site was placed behind adult filters, despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 30 September 2020.

We noted that the site provided information about, and promoted the services of a consultancy company specialising in a range of business to business services. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for EE Strict customers.

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30 September 2020