

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 at <http://www.bbfc.co.uk/what-classification/mobilecontent/quarterly-report>.

June 2015

26 June 2015

Website

thecompliancealliance.co.uk
resourcesforips.co.uk

Adjudication

We noted that the websites provided various insolvency compliance services to fellow professionals. We found no content that we would classify 12 or above.

July 2015

22 July 2015

Website

israellycool.com

Adjudication

We noted that the website was a pro-Israel blog containing a large number of posts, including links to video content, comment pieces, cartoons and animations, all of which served to present Israel in a positive light and counter the narrative that Palestinians are victims of Israeli aggression and unjust Israeli policies. The posts also argued against those who promote negative views of Israel and its relationship with Palestinians, and promoted support of companies who do business with Israel. Although the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will

disagree with them, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the website included the presence of very strong language, strong sex references and references to violence, which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

August 2015

19 August 2015

Website
office-breaks.com

Adjudication

We noted that the website offered information on lunch break tours and activities, day trips and seasonal events. We found no content that would lead us to classify the site 12 or above.

28 August 2015

Website
westonemanor.net

Adjudication

We noted that it was a hotel website offering accommodation and dining, along with services such as wedding and memorial functions. We found no content on the site that we would classify 12 or above.

September 2015

2 September 2015

Website
baff.org.uk

Adjudication

We noted that it was a website run by serving and former members of the UK's Armed Forces. There were various articles and links to news stories about the Armed Forces, and while we noted that the site contained references in one article to the use of anabolic steroids, the approach of the article was a cautionary one, highlighting the dangers of using such substances. We therefore found no content on the website that we would classify 12 or above.

9 September 2015

Website
abuyehuda.com

Adjudication

We noted that it was a politically minded pro-Israel blog that contained a large number of posts, some of which were academic in nature. It served to present Israel in a positive light, critique perceived anti-Israel positions, and counter the narrative that Palestinians are victims of Israeli aggression and unjust Israeli policies. Although the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the position of the blog, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a

legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the website included video footage of real violence (people being shot) which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

Website

elderofziyon.blogspot.com

Adjudication

We noted that it was a politically minded pro-Israel blog that contained a large number of posts, some of which were academic in nature. It served to present Israel in a positive light, critique perceived anti-Israel positions, and counter the narrative that Palestinians are victims of Israeli aggression and unjust Israeli policies. While the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the position of the blog, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the website included images of real-life injury (e.g. sight of a dead body in the street) which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

10 September

Website

israeldefender.com

Adjudication

We noted that it was a politically minded website that contained a large number of articles, and which served to present Israel in a positive light and critique perceived anti-Israel positions. While the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the position of the website, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the websites included some attitudes that could be seen as discriminatory in a 'broad brush' approach, which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

Website

israelmatzav.blogspot.com

Adjudication

We noted that it was a politically minded website that contained a large number of posts and / or articles. While the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the position of the website, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the website included some images of real-life injury (e.g. sight of a dead child), which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

18 September

Website

edgar1981.blogspot.co.uk

Adjudication

We noted that it was a politically minded pro-Israel blog that contained a large number of blog posts and reaction to news articles, and which served to present Israel in a positive light and critique perceived anti-Israel positions. Although the position of the site and the views expressed may be subject to debate or

disagreement, such views were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, material on the website included some strong language and some images of real life injury (e.g. sight of dead bodies), which we would not consider suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

30 September 2015

Websites

daphneanson.blogspot.co.uk
palestinefreenow.blogspot.co.uk
bdsmovement.net
anneinpt.wordpress.com
thisongoingwar.blogspot.co.uk
richardmillet.wordpress.com

Adjudication

We noted that the above were politically minded websites containing a large number of posts and / or articles. While the views expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the position of the blogs or websites in question, they were nonetheless expressed in the spirit of providing a legitimate side to an argument. However, content on these websites included, respectively, strong language and images / videos portraying discriminatory attitudes; real-life street violence; arguably inflammatory / discriminatory comments in a 'broad brush' sense; bloody images in the aftermath of a shooting; images of dead bodies; and strong language, images of dead bodies and references to sexual violence. We would not consider such content suitable according to the EE Strict Classification Framework.

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31 October 2015