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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding): Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: Open All Hours

My parents bought me a BBC DVD (BBCDVD 1140) as a gift. I find that I cannot play it in either of the two domestic DVD players I own. The DVD-ROM drive in my Apple PowerBook only allows me to change the region a fixed number of times, and I have used them up. Also, when I moved to the US, I had to give away all my DVDs because I knew it wouldn't play them. I find the fact that I have to repurchase DVDs here, if they are available to start with, to be totally unreasonable.

I find it even more unreasonable to be forced to purchase a multi-region DVD player, when I already have four, none of which will play my UK DVDs. I also have no idea if multi-region DVD players actually exist, where to get one, nor if using one is legal.