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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: Spirited Away

I purchased a Japanese copy of the animated feature Spirited Away. I hoped I would be able to enjoy watching the movie on my Panasonic DVD player, in the same way that I enjoy watching American movies on the same DVD player. However, due to the region encoding mismatch between the DVD and the DVD player, I couldn't watch it at all. I feel that a purchased DVD should be playable in any DVD player.

The region encoding is not a feature that I use or enjoy, and it has literally locked me out of the media that I purchased. The media and the player are compatible, it is an imposed "feature" that is preventing me from enjoying fair use of media I've purchased. Were I given an option, I would buy a copy of the media without this "feature".