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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: BBC doc, The Planets

Although this DVD is available in the US, the US version skips all history of the Russian space program, has an annoying American voice-over, is more expensive, and comes on 4 DVDs instead of 2 double-density DVDs. However, since the DVD player on my Mac uses RPC-2 (firmware-based) region management I cannot play this title when I want; otherwise my player will lock to one region. Does this mean I am forced to buy the inferior US version? Also, I am from New Zealand -- what happens when I return home and start buying DVDs in New Zealand? Do I have to have two DVD players then, one for the DVDs I have purchased here and one for local DVDs?