

The Standards Act 1965—Specifications Declared to be Standard Specifications

PURSUANT to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, the Standards Council, on 23 September 1983, declared the under-mentioned specifications to be standard specifications.

Number and Title of Specification	Price of Copy (Post free) \$
NZS 5418:—Transportation containers for hazardous substances— Part 1:1983 Specification for tanks for the multi-model transportation of hazardous liquids.	24.80
Part 2:1983 Specification for small packages for transportation by land, sea or air.	14.00

Copies of the standard specifications may be ordered from the Standards Association of New Zealand, Wellington Trade Centre, 15–23 Sturdee Street (or Private Bag), Wellington.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of January 1984.

DENYS R. M. PINFOLD,
Director, Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/2: 826–27)

NIL

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PURSUANT to section 23 of the Standards Act 1965, the Standards Council, on 28 October 1983, declared the under-mentioned specifications to be standard specifications.

Number and Title of Specification	Price of Copy (Post free) \$
NZS 3302:1983 Ceramic pipes, fittings and joints (Superseding NZS 365:1965 and NZS 1823:1967)	12.20
NZS 4224:1983 Code of practice for measurement of civil engineering quantities.	16.60

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NIL

Decision of the Films Censorship Board of Review

Chairman: J. M. Priestley.

Members: N. C. Anderson, Mrs J. B. Fish, Mrs V. A. Forbes, Mrs J. Walker.

Date of Review: 11 November 1983.

PURSUANT to section 82 of the Cinematograph Films Act 1976, 20th Century Fox Distribution applied for a review of the feature film *Class of 84*. The film was directed by Mark Lester and was produced in 1981.

Class of 1984 fits into what has now become a common genre in an American film dealing with unchecked urban crime and the seeming impotence of authorities to counter it. The theme of this film involves a dedicated young music teacher who is assigned to Lincoln High School. The school is patrolled by security guards; movements of pupils are monitored by television surveillance; both the staff and pupils are intimidated by a small group of hoodlums (attired in the punk style) under the leadership of a young psychopath named Stegman.

The attempts of the teacher, Norris, to enthuse his classes and stand up to disruption in the school soon excites the attention of Stegman's gang. Harassment rapidly escalates from spraying graffiti

on his car, through, the fire bombing of his car, physical violence, to the rape of his wife which leads to the film's climactic conclusion.

In terms of the criteria listed in section 26 (2) of the Act, the film concentrates to a marked extent on anti-social behaviour (amongst young high school pupils) and violence. The film is a well produced, intense and fastmoving drama with overall thematic integrity. The film has many deliberate echoes of more notable films over the past two decades, and is well produced. Up to the last reel of the film the majority of the Board were in agreement that there was no requirement to reject or cut and that, provided there was an R18 or R20 classification, the showing of this film in New Zealand would not be injurious to the public good. In the view of the majority both the theme and the violence portrayed was comparable to other films released by the Chief Censor over the last 3 years and that there was nothing in the material or the manner of its depiction that was injurious to the public good. Indeed, the violence portrayed (up to the last reel) was if anything understated and not particularly explicit. The minority of the Board, however, were for rejecting the film but for different reasons. In the view of Mrs Fish the film depicted violence to an unnecessary extent. In the view of Mrs Walker the film depicted anti-social behaviour to an unnecessary extent.

The last reel of the film during which an enraged Norris, with his own life in danger, succeeds in killing the members of Stegman's gang, was particularly gruesome although highly dramatic. One gang member meets his end on a circular saw bench (his arm having first been severed). Another member is incinerated in a petrol fire. Stegman himself (to the accompanying last bars of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture being played in the school auditorium by Norris's orchestra) crashed through the roof with a rope around his neck and the closing shots of the film concentrate closely on his face and head.

Having regard to the matters contained in sections 26, 28 (4) and 29 of the Act, the majority of the Board (Dr Priestley, Mr Anderson and Mrs Forbes) were of the opinion that 3 specified parts of the film were injurious to the public good.

These were:

1. The explicit depiction of the killing on the circular saw bench;
2. The explicit killing of a gang member in a petrol fire with the subsequent shots of his dying face;
3. The final two close-up shots of the hanging Stegman.

In the decision of the majority of the Board, if these 3 scenes were to be cut then the film could be classified as R20 with a rider. The distributor agreed to the suggested excisions in terms of section 29 (3) of the Act. Accordingly, the majority of the Board, in terms of section 28 of the Cinematograph Films Act 1976, approved the feature film *Class of 84* for exhibition in New Zealand with the classification R20 and displaying the warning notice: "this film contains violence and offensive language". With the 3 cuts and that classification, the majority of the Board was of the view that the film would not be injurious to the public good.

J. M. PRIESTLEY, Chairman.

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Notice Declaring Noogoora Bur (Xanthium Pungens) a Class B Noxious Plant (No. 3158; Ag. 12/10/10)

1. Pursuant to section 19 of the Noxious Plants Act 1978, the Noxious Plants Council hereby declares Noogoora bur (*Xanthium pungens*) to be a Class B noxious plant in that part of New Zealand lying within the boundaries of Matamata County.

2. This notice shall come into effect on the day after the date of notification in the *Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of December 1983.

P. H. WINSLEY, Secretary, Noxious Plants Council.

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Freshwater Fish Processing and Dealing Licence (No. 6) and Freshwater Fish Farming Licence (No. 4) (No. 3165; Ag. 9/4/33/4 and 9/4/33/2/4)

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to regulations 4 and 7 of the Freshwater Fish Farming Regulations 1972*, the Minister of Fisheries has granted to Westland Processors Limited, a licence to process and deal with salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus* and to Tasman Salmon Company Limited, a licence to farm salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

Signed this 13th day of January 1984.