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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: Blinkende Lygter

I am from Denmark and moved to California some years ago. A kind family member sent me a DVD of a Danish movie, "Blinkende Lygter", that was a big success over there last year. It would be fun to watch for both myself and my girlfriend who is American (it had English subtitles!). Could we watch it on the regular DVD player? No. Why not? We paid as much as everyone else! We could not watch it because it was "region coded" to only be watched in Europe and not be played on DVD players bought in the US, like mine. Could we have bought the movie here in the US? Of course not! Will it ever even come out here? Highly unlikely. With a "patch" downloaded from the internet we could make it work on the computer, so we did get to enjoy it in the end. Was it illegal pleasure? I don't know. Was it too much hassle? Yes!