
APPENDIX

CBSC File 01/02-0622 TQS re the movie *L'Affaire Thomas Crown (Thomas Crown Affair)*

The Complaint

The following complaint dated March 27, 2002 was sent to the CRTC and forwarded to the CBSC in due course:

The Ottawa-Hull TQS affiliate CFGS was showing the film "The Thomas Crowe [sic] Affair" from about 19:00 to 21:00. At 20:00, they showed the rating "8+", meaning the movie was appropriate for an 8 year old to watch. A few minutes later (between 20:00 and 20:15), they were showing scenes of the 2 main actors having intercourse, including scenes of the woman with top frontal view, and of the man full back view. At which point I changed the channel. I would not expect to see such scenes on TV, and especially at that time when children are still up. This definitely was not acceptable for an 8 year old, or even a 14 year old to see. I request that the CRTC takes steps to ensure this does not happen again. Thanks.

Broadcaster's Response

The broadcaster responded to the complainant on April 15 with the following:

We have received your letter concerning the broadcast of *L'Affaire Thomas Crown* by TQS on March 10, which was forwarded to us by the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC). We regret this movie offended you and we have taken note of your comments.

As you have mentioned it in your letter, we have broadcasted [sic] twice the 8+ identification sign (at the very beginning of the film and at the 62nd minute). However, please note that the Régie du cinéma du Québec's rating for that movie is Visa général (General public without restriction which means, according to the Régie, that "although there may be some nudity, love scenes remain rather discreet"). It was the decision of TQS to upgrade the rating to an 8 years and older, considering the nudity and love scene.

TQS's programming consists of a great number of movies of various genres that are broadcasted daily. While we understand that some scenes in some of these films could have shocked you, we do carefully select each production and we remove scenes considered to be immoral and not complying with the ethics of our broadcasting company.

We always appreciate receiving our viewers' comments and we thank you for taking the time to write to us.

The complainant returned his Ruling Request form on April 27.