

Name: Steven Mitchell

Date: 3 February 2003

Re: In support of 2003 Anti-circumvention Comment 36.

With my growing interest in DVDs, I have become increasingly aware of more that I am interested in purchasing. However, some of these DVDs that I so desire to purchase are currently not permitted without my purchasing of another player for another region, which is then still illegal to modify to play a new region. While I own over 350 DVDs in Region 1, and will continue to purchase more, this limitation greatly affects my ability to enjoy what I like, and to some extent, even some DVDs that are or will be released over here.

The main one of which I would be interested in, and of which affects both of those clauses, would be as follows:

Title: Gravitation OVA
Production Date: 1999
Country of Origin: Japan
DVD Availability: Recently re-released in Japan, not licensed for any distribution in North America.
VHS Availability: Discontinued in 2001, no longer available at retailers like www.cdjapan.co.jp

This series also has a 13 episode TV series, which was recently licensed for a R1 release by "The Right Stuf International" (www.rightstuf.com). However, these OVAs (Original Video Animation) had come out before the TV series (2000), and were not part of the licensing agreement. Before getting these TV DVDs upon their release, I would like to be able to watch these OVAs, to maximize the enjoyment of seeing these in the format they were originally presented.