

## Short Comment Regarding Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

### Item 1. Commenter Information

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### Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Proposed Class 23: Abandoned software – video games requiring server communication

### Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I work on collecting and preserving classic video game content and information as a hobby, hoping to one day have my research stored in a museum for such purposes.

Among my favorite points of research is a Japanese Super Nintendo hardware expansion called the “Satellaview”, which enabled the device to communicate with a Satellite server to receive data. If you don't understand how this worked exactly, it might be easier once you compare it to a service Sega of America had for the Genesis console that was somewhat similar, called Sega Channel. Although not exactly the same, these two services are based on similar core service concepts.

Currently, the Satellaview and it's service has been discontinued and abandoned since 2000. Furthermore, none of the game titles released for the platform have since seen a current or future release resembling their original forms officially published or sanctioned by Nintendo.

Sometime in the future, I would like to have Satellaview hardware be able to connect to a server again, so I can further progress my research. For this, I would gladly support Class 23, so I know there is no legal issue I would be facing doing such a thing, even if I would not have Nintendo's support.

Now, I understand that Class 23 is currently defined with the modern definition of “online games” such as MMORPGs in mind, with a focus on multiplayer play, but I feel that while the Satellaview isn't exactly that, it's dependence on servers for functions such as reading a clock and downloading data has it apply for this just as well. Furthermore, the service is as “abandoned” as it gets, and the longer it takes for milestones in preserving the service, the more difficult it becomes. With that in mind, I would like to see things like Satellaview be considered matters of high importance when considering this Class.

(P.S. - Being able to do the same for Sega Channel would also be good.)

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