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Dear Mr Bennett

**RFI20080896 - Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of 19 August, requesting the following information:

*“a copy (either electronic or in print) of the old BBC Producer Guidelines. (Not the present Editorial Guidelines, but those which were in use prior to the review of 2005.)*

*I would also appreciate a date indicating when these Producer Guidelines came into existence.”*

The guidelines were drawn up in 2000, and a copy is attached.

Please note that your request falls outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held for purposes “other than those of journalism, art or literature” (see Schedule 1, Part VI of the Act). We are not therefore obliged to supply information held for the purposes of creating the BBC’s output or information that supports and is closely associated with these creative activities. However, on this occasion we are happy to provide the information voluntarily, outside the scope of the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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