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Watchdog warns of illegal release of imported online games

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China's General Administration of Press and Publication (GAPP) issued a notice Tuesday warning of the illegal release of Web games and declaring stricter control on the games' approval.

Some illegal companies release pornographic and violent games on the Internet, and some legitimate companies publish imported games without approval, the notice said.

It also reiterated GAPP is the only administration authorized by the State Council to approve imported games.

Enterprises importing online games should pass the examination of GAPP before obtaining a service licence.

Games created by an overseas copyright holder should obtain the approval of GAPP before being released.

Imported Web games should not be showed at any commodity exhibition without approval.

(Xinhua News Agency July 22, 2009)

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