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Memo to: Video game rental, retail outlets and consumers re the recent update of the video game Halo 2

The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) has just updated the rating information for the video game Halo 2 for Windows Vista with a 'Partial Nudity' descriptor.

Microsoft recently notified ESRB about pertinent content in a map editor that is being bundled with the game. While the content in question does not require a more restrictive age rating, it does warrant a 'Partial Nudity' content descriptor. Retailers must ensure that the product they sell or rent has accurate rating information. If it doesn't, please contact Microsoft for stickers with the new rating information, which should be placed on all units of Halo 2 for Vista prior to their sale or rental.

Below is the ESRB statement regarding the updated Halo 2 Vista rating:

"After the M (Mature 17+) rating assignment was issued for Halo 2 for Vista and just prior to the shipment of the game to retail, Microsoft notified ESRB about pertinent content found in a map editor tool that is being bundled with the game. The content in question, although likely to be inaccessible to the vast majority of users, displays a photograph of an individual showing his bare backside to the user when a particular error occurs, and thus warrants a 'Partial Nudity' content descriptor in order to alert consumers to its presence in the product. Microsoft has therefore applied stickers with correct ESRB rating information to the packaging of virtually all copies that will ship to retail in the U.S. and Canada. We have been advised by Microsoft that future runs of the game will be produced without the content in question, thus negating the need for the descriptor to be displayed on those versions."

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