



PURPOSE

This document provides information and steps for operating Society of Television and Motion Picture Engineers (SMPTE)-specific content for interstitials, trailers, or features.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

1. **Understand** the difference between SMPTE and IOP formats:
 - **IOP** (Interop) is the original format for DCPs created around 2001 as a starting point.
 - GodBlessTheBro_FT-3_S_EN-EN-CCAP_US_51_4K_20180820_DCD_**IOP**_OV
 - After years of development, **SMPTE** is the newest, improved format for DCPs.
 - ChristophRobin_FTR-21_S_EN-EN-CCAP_US-PG_51-HI-VI-29189721_DTB_**SMPTE**_OV
 - All theatres must play SMPTE content. If an issue prevents that, **open** a DSSPⁱ ticket.
2. **Identify** in which type of projector the SMPTE content is playing.
 - If playing from a Sony projector, **complete** the validation steps below or the content **will not play**.
 - If playing from a non-Sony projector, there is no need to validate.
3. **Verify** that the KDM available matches the format (IOP or SMPTE).

SMPTE VALIDATION (SONY PROJECTORS ONLY)

SMPTE Validation Guidelines

- SMPTE content must be validated on a Sony projector before it is playable.
- Projectors should auto-validate SMPTE content unless the .ini file is missing/damaged or if the media block has not been rebooted in a timely fashion.
- Validation may take up to 45 minutes to complete for a feature, and up to two minutes per trailer.
- Validation can only occur after the ingest is completed and cannot be done during playback.
- Once a feature or trailer is validated on a projector, the status won't change; each show does not need validation.
- If the feature is moved to play on a different Sony projector, it will need to be validated there.

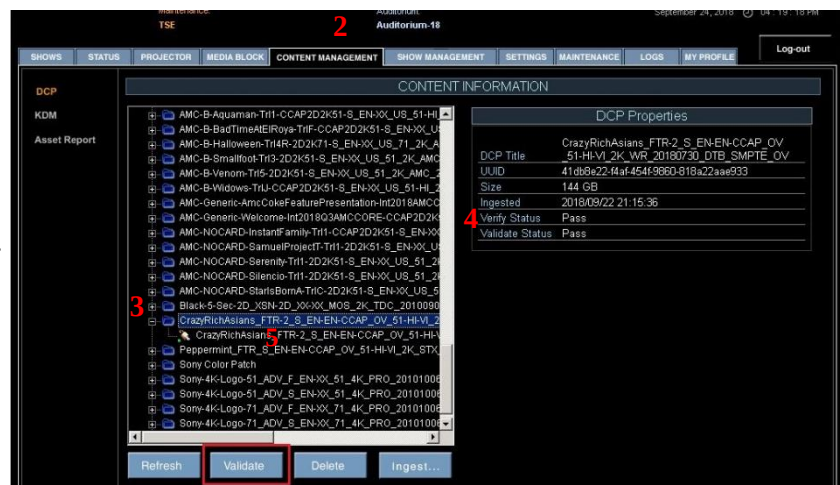
SMPTE Validation Steps

Check every SMPTE feature and trailer (in each auditorium) using the following:

1. **Log** in to SMSC.
2. **Click** 'Content Management.'
3. **Select** the SMPTE title.
4. **Check** the Validate Status.
5. If status says "Pass," success.
If Status says "Fail," **click** the 'Validate' button below the title list.

To complete validation from the Projector Touchscreen (PJT), **complete** the following steps:

1. **Click** Menu.
2. **Select** Content > Manage DCPs.





SMPTE Validation for Content on Sony Projectors

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3. **Highlight** the feature in question.
4. **Click** 'Validate.'



ⁱ [SS-4-20 -- DSSP - Digital Systems Support Portal](#)