

1955 No. 1909

CINEMATOGRAPHS AND CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS

The Cinematograph (Children) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955

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Coming into Operation 1st January, 1956

In pursuance of sections one, two and seven of the Cinematograph Act, 1909(a), and section one and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section two of the Cinematograph Act, 1952(b), I hereby make the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations apply to cinematograph exhibitions other than exhibitions given in a private dwelling-house to which the public are not admitted whether on payment or otherwise and exempted exhibitions.

(2) In these Regulations the expression “exempted exhibitions” means exempted exhibitions within the meaning of section five of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, including exhibitions which by virtue of subsection (3) of that section are to be treated as such, but excluding exhibitions which by virtue of subsection (2) thereof are not to be treated as such.

2. No child apparently under the age of five years shall be admitted to a cinematograph exhibition unless the child is accompanied by and in the charge of a person who appears to have attained the age of sixteen years.

3. No child apparently under the age of twelve years shall be admitted after the hour of seven in the evening of any day to a cinematograph exhibition at any premises in the course of which there is to be shown any film or portion of a film, being a film or portion of a film which shall have been shown to the public at those premises on that day before the hour of seven in the evening, unless the child is accompanied by and in the charge of a person who appears to have attained the age of sixteen years.

4. At a cinematograph exhibition organised wholly or mainly as an exhibition for children under the age of sixteen years there shall be stationed on the lowest floor of the auditorium not less than one attendant who has attained the age of sixteen years for every one hundred persons or part of one hundred persons present there and on each floor of the auditorium above the lowest floor not less than one such attendant for every fifty persons or part of fifty persons present there, and the number of such attendants stationed on any floor of the auditorium to which the children are admitted shall not be less than the number of exits for use by members of the public in leaving that floor.

5. The Cinematograph (Children) Regulations, 1955(c), are hereby revoked.

6.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph (Children) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1956.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 9 Edw. 7. c. 30. (b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 68. (c) S.I. 1955/1131.
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(3) These Regulations shall not be construed as derogating from the power of a licensing authority in granting a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, to impose conditions or restrictions.

(4) These Regulations shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
15th December, 1955.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations make provision for the welfare of children at cinematograph exhibitions to which the Regulations apply (as respects their application see Regulation 1). Regulations 2 and 3 require children to be accompanied by persons of sixteen or over in certain circumstances and Regulation 4 requires the provision of attendants at exhibitions organised for children. These Regulations revoke and replace the Cinematograph (Children) Regulations, 1955.

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