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CINEMATOGRAPHS AND CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS
The Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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In pursuance of section 1 of the Cinematograph Act 1909(a), as amended by section 8 of the Cinematograph Act 1952(b) and the Schedule thereto, and of sections 1 and 2(1)(a) of the said Act of 1952, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1976.

2. In these Regulations the expression “the principal Regulations” means the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955(c), as amended (d).

3. In Regulation 8(5)(a) of the principal Regulations (projection rooms) the words “paragraph (1) of” shall be omitted.

4. For Regulation 8A of the principal Regulations (automatic control of projectors) there shall be substituted the Regulation set out in the Appendix to these Regulations.

5. Regulations 15, 16 and 42 of the principal Regulations (lighting) shall be amended by the insertion of the words “unless these notices are self-powered notices”—

(a) at the end of Regulation 15(2);

(b) at the end of sub-paragraph (c) of Regulation 16(1), and

(c) at the end of sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of Regulation 42(2).

6. At the end of Regulation 49(1) of the principal Regulations (definitions) there shall be added the following definition:—

(a) 1909 c. 30.

(b) 1952 c. 68.

(c) S.I. 1955/1129 (1955 I, p. 305).

(d) The amending instruments are S.I. 1958/1530, 1965/282 (1958 I, p. 289; 1965 I, p. 718).

“self-powered notice” means a notice approved by the licensing authority which has letters illuminated by radio-active means and of which the useful life (according to a date marked for the purpose on the notice by the manufacturer) has yet to expire.’.

Roy Jenkins,
One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State.

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Whitehall.

8th August 1976.

APPENDIX

REGULATION SUBSTITUTED FOR REGULATION 8A OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

Automatic control of projectors

8A.—(1) This Regulation shall apply in relation to a projection room where—

- (a) there is no inflammable film in the premises other than film stored and locked up in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 5(6) of these Regulations;
- (b) the operator in charge of that projection room remains within the rooms and other places mentioned in sub-paragraph (c)(i) of this paragraph; and
- (c) every film projector working in the projection room during the absence of the said operator is controlled by equipment which will automatically extinguish the source of light in the projector lantern, stop the projector mechanism and cause to sound continuously—
 - (i) alarm signals clearly audible in that projection room and in every room, lobby or place in the vicinity thereof commonly used or visited by the operator on duty;
 - (ii) an alarm signal audible in a place in the premises where a member of the staff, not being an operator or assistant operator, is normally stationed while the public are on the premises

immediately on the untoward occurrence of any of the events specified in the next following paragraph.

(2) The events referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of the last foregoing paragraph are:—

- (a) the film in the projector breaking or stopping;
- (b) the projector mechanism stopping or operating at less than half its normal speed;
- (c) any switch or contactor controlling the source of light in the projector lantern or the motor driving the projector mechanism and controlled by any such control equipment as aforesaid failing to break in due time an electrical circuit controlled by it;
- (d) any failure of the light in the projector lantern which is not immediately and automatically made good;
- (e) any failure in the supply of electricity to any such control equipment as aforesaid.

(3) Where this Regulation applies then, notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 8(5)(a) of these Regulations, the operator in charge of the projection room may from time to time leave that room without leaving an assistant in charge of, and present in, that room but no period of absence shall exceed fifteen minutes unless the projector room is fitted, to the satisfaction of the licensing authority, with equipment which will automatically give warning of the presence of smoke or warning of the presence of fire (whichever the licensing authority shall judge to be more appropriate in the circumstances) by means of alarm signals sounding continuously and audible as mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1)(c) of this Regulation.

(4) Any such equipment as is referred to in paragraph (1)(c) or (3) of this Regulation and any equipment associated therewith or controlled thereby shall be tested once a year by a competent engineer appointed by or on behalf of the occupier of the premises and a certificate stating the condition of the equipment shall, after each test, be sent to the licensing authority by or on behalf of the occupier of the premises.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Cinematographic (Safety) Regulations 1955.

Regulations 3 and 4 permit an operator to leave an automatically controlled projection room for periods in excess of fifteen minutes if the room is fitted, to the satisfaction of the licensing authority, with a fire or smoke alarm system.

Regulations 5 and 6 permit the use of self-powered exit signs.

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