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CINEMATOGRAPHS AND CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS

The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1958

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

1. In sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (5) of Regulation 8 of the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1955(c), before the word “paragraph” there shall be inserted the words “paragraph (1) of Regulation 8A and of”.

2. After the said Regulation 8 there shall be inserted the following Regulation, namely:—

“*Automatic control of projectors*

8A.—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (5) of Regulation 8 of these Regulations the operator in charge of a projection room may from time to time leave that projection room for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes and without leaving an assistant in charge of and present in that projection room if—

- (a) there is no inflammable film in the premises other than film stored and locked up in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (6) of Regulation 5 of these Regulations;
- (b) the said operator remains within the rooms and other places mentioned in sub-paragraph (c) (i) of this paragraph; and
- (c) every film projector working in that projection room during the absence of the said operator is controlled by equipment which will automatically cut off the source of light in the projector lantern from the film gate by means of a metal shutter, extinguish that source of light, 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 an operator on duty; and
 - (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 upon the untoward occurrence of any of the events specified in the next following paragraph.

(a) 9 Edw. 7. c. 30. (b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 68.
(c) S.I. 1955/1129 (1955 I, p. 305).

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

- (i) the film in the projector breaking or stopping ;
- (ii) the projector mechanism stopping or operating at less than half its normal speed ;
- (iii) 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 ;
- (iv) any failure of the light in the projector lantern ;
- (v) any failure in the supply of electricity to any such control equipment as aforesaid.

(3) Any such control equipment as aforesaid 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.”.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1958, and shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1958.

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One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
10th September, 1958.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1955, to permit the operator to leave the projection room unoccupied for periods not exceeding fifteen minutes even though the projectors are working, provided they are controlled by automatic equipment and no inflammable film is used.

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