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CINEMATOGRAPHS AND CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS

Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *28th January* 1977

Coming into operation . . . *1st April* 1977

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Cinematograph Act 1909(a) as amended by section 8 of the Cinematograph Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(b), and of sections 1 and 2 of the said Act of 1959, and now vested in it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1977.

2. The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(d) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In Regulation 12(4)(*a*) (projection rooms) the words "Regulation 13(1) and of" shall be omitted;

(2) for Regulation 13 (automatic control of projectors) there shall be substituted the Regulation set out in the Appendix;

(3) Regulations 20, 21 and 49 (lighting) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "unless these notices are self-powered notices."—

(*a*) at the end of Regulation 20(2);

(*b*) at the end of sub-paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 21(1); and

(*c*) at the end of sub-paragraph (*a*)(ii) of Regulation 49(2);

(4) at the end of Regulation 4(1) (interpretation) there shall be added the following definition:

' "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.'.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 28th January 1977.

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B. D. Palmer
Assistant Secretary

(a) 1909 c. 30
(b) 1959 c. 20 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5 (II, p. 2992)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 129 (p. 453)

APPENDIX

Regulation substituted for Regulation 13 of the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965

Automatic control of projectors

13.—(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 9(6);

(*b*) the operator in charge of that projection room remains within the rooms and other places mentioned in sub-paragraph (*c*)(i); 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 paragraph 2.

(2) The events referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(*c*) 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 12(4)(*a*), 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*).

(4) Any such equipment as is referred to in paragraph (1)(*c*) or (3) 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 but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965.

Regulation 2(1) and (2) permits 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.

Regulation 2(3) and (4) permits the use of self-powered exit signs.