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CINEMATOGRAPHS AND CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS

The Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1971

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Coming into Operation	31*st March* 1971

In exercise of the powers conferred on me (1) by section 1 of the Cinematograph Act 1909(**a**) as amended by section 8 of and the Schedule to the Cinematograph Act 1952(**b**), and (2) by sections 1 and 2(1)(*a*) of the said Act of 1952, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1971, and shall come into operation on 31st March 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) These regulations shall extend only to Scotland.

(4) In these regulations the expression "principal regulations" means the Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 1955(**d**), as amended by the Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1969(**e**).

2. For paragraph (5)(*a*) of regulation 8 of the principal regulations (which relates to projection rooms) there shall be substituted—

"(*a*) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of regulation 8A and of paragraph (7) of regulation 31 hereof, whenever a film projector is working in a projection room a competent operator who has attained the age of eighteen years shall be in charge of, and present in, the projection room."

3. 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**) 1909 c. 30.
(**b**) 1952 c. 68.
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1955/1125 (1955 I, p. 326).
(**e**) S.I. 1969/1575 (1969 III, p. 5044).

(*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 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 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.

(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 which is not immediately and automatically made good ;

(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".

4. For paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations (which relates to projectors) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

"**10.**—(1) Unless the source of light in a film projector is an electric discharge lamp which will not light or remain lit when the projector is not running, the projector shall be fitted with an electric shutter which, when the projector stops running, automatically cuts off the source of light from the film gate".

5. After regulation 31A of the principal regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation :—

"*Projectors used for inflammable film*

31B.—(1) A film projector in which inflammable film is used shall have a metal shutter (in addition to and operating independently of that required by regulation 10(1) of these regulations) capable of cutting off the source of light from the film gate ; and the shutter shall either be such that it operates automatically when the projector stops, or that it can be readily operated by hand :

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to—

(*a*) a projector in which the source of light is an electric discharge lamp which will not light or remain lit when the projector is not working ; or

(*b*) a projector constructed only to use film not exceeding 16 mm. in width and in which the source of light is a hermetically sealed electric lamp.

(2) A projector in which inflammable film is used shall be so constructed and maintained that the film gate of that projector is not liable to become overheated.

(3) The openings above and below the film gate of a projector in which inflammable film is used shall be sufficiently narrow to prevent flame travelling upwards or downwards."

Gordon Campbell,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.
18th March 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations (as defined by Regulation 1(4)) to permit the operator to leave the projection room unoccupied for periods not exceeding 15 minutes even though the projectors are working, provided that they are controlled by automatic equipment and no inflammable film is used (Regulation 3). The Regulations dispense with the requirement for a shutter to cut off the light source from the film gate in a projector where the light source is an electric discharge lamp which will not light or remain lit when the projector is not running (Regulation 4). They also effect amendments so that certain requirements concerning the construction and design of film projectors, instead of applying generally, shall apply only where inflammable film is used (Regulation 5).