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CINEMATOGRAPH LAW
(1995 Revision)

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(2003 Revision)

Revised under the authority of the Law Revision Law (1999 Revision).

The Cinematograph Rules, 1964 made the 8th September, 1964.

Consolidated with the -

Cinematograph (Amendment) Rules, 1966 made the 11th March, 1966
Cinematograph (Amendment) Rules, 1977 made the 20th December, 1977
Cinematograph (Amendment) Rules, 2002 made the 19th July, 2002
Cinematograph (Amendment) (No.2) Rules, 2002 made the 19th July, 2002.

Consolidated and revised this 6th day of May, 2003.

Note (not forming part of the Rules): This revision replaces the 1995 Revision which should now be discarded.

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CINEMATOGRAPH RULES
(2003 Revision)

1. These Rules may be cited as the Cinematograph Rules (2003 Revision). Citation
2. In these Rules- Definition
 “weekdays” mean Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
3. Any permission granted to any person in the Islands to conduct cinematographic exhibitions shall be in writing, signed by the Governor as Chairman of the Authority, and is valid for a period not greater than twelve months from the granting thereof. Permission to be in writing
4. (1) Such licence shall only be granted to conduct- Licences
 (a) cinematographic exhibitions on weekdays; and
 (b) cinematographic exhibitions on Sundays, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in relation to films which have been designated by the British or American Film Censorship Authorities as suitable for viewing by children aged sixteen years and under.
 (2) Licences to conduct cinematographic exhibitions on Good Fridays shall be granted only by special permission of the Authority.
5. Any licence to conduct cinematographic exhibitions during weekdays shall be framed and displayed inside the building used for such purposes. Display of licence
6. (d) The fees for annual licences are - Annual licence fees
 If the charge for admission of any person:
- | | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| does not exceed | \$1.50 | \$100 |
| does not exceed | \$2.00 | \$250 |
| does not exceed | \$2.50 | \$750 |
| exceeds | \$2.50 | \$1,000 |
7. All persons conducting cinematographic exhibitions shall take all such necessary steps to provide for the safety of the public in the case of fire as may be prescribed by the Authority. Safety
8. Subject to rule 9, no child under the age of eight years shall be admitted to a public cinematographic exhibition: Admission of children

Provided that admission is not prohibited if the child is accompanied by and in the charge of a person who is over the age of sixteen years.

Further restriction on admission of children

9. No person under the age of sixteen years shall be admitted to a public cinematographic exhibition when the film to be exhibited has been designated as unsuitable by the British or American Film Censorship Authorities for viewing by children aged sixteen years and under.

Sanitary facilities

10. All persons conducting cinematographic exhibitions shall provide such suitable sanitary facilities for persons attending such exhibitions as may be required by a health officer acting on behalf of the Authority.

Power to inspect fire precautions and sanitary facilities

11. The Commissioner of Police or a health officer, from time to time, shall visit any premises where public cinematographic exhibitions are licensed to be held and shall inspect all precautions against fire and all facilities for sanitation and shall report them to the Authority. If the Authority is of the opinion that such precautions against fire or such sanitary facilities are not adequate the Authority shall call upon the licensee to remedy such defects within four weeks and if, at the end of such period, no steps have been taken to remedy such deficiencies the Authority may, unless satisfied that such delay has not arisen through the wilful act or default of the licensee, revoke his licence to conduct cinematographic exhibitions for such time as the Authority may deem fit.

Meetings

12. The Authority shall meet quarterly on the first Tuesday of each quarter, or at such other times or frequency as the Governor may direct.

Quorum

13. The quorum of any such meeting is two elected members of the Legislative Assembly and either the Governor or the member nominated annually by the Governor under section 2 of the Law.

Balconies

14. Every cinema containing a balcony shall be provided with good and substantial stairs leading up to such balcony, and hand rails to these stairs shall be provided for the security of persons using the stairs. Stairs shall be sufficiently wide to permit persons ascending and descending to pass without difficulty.

Aisles and exits

15. A central aisle shall be provided in the auditorium and an aisle on each side and the same requirements shall obtain if there is a balcony. The width of such aisle shall be not less than four feet. Not less than two exits shall be provided for an auditorium and not less than one for a balcony. The exits provided in a auditorium shall be sited as follows: One at the screen end and the other at the projection end of the auditorium.

Fire precautions

16. Except where a cinema is constructed of concrete, not less than two fire extinguishers in good and efficient working condition shall be kept on each floor of the auditorium. Where a cinema is constructed of concrete it shall be sufficient

to keep one fire extinguisher in good and efficient working condition beside the projector. The cinema staff shall be trained in the use of fire extinguishers. Beside every fire extinguisher shall be placed four buckets, two containing sand and two containing water. Notwithstanding the above precautions, cinema owners shall fulfil such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Firemaster of the Islands acting on behalf of the Authority.

17 A licence which is in force on the 25th July, 2002 shall-

Existing licences

- (a) continue in force on the same terms and conditions that applied on that date; and
- (b) be deemed to be subject to an additional condition that cinematographic exhibitions may be conducted on Sundays between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. if the film to be exhibited has been designated by the British or American Film Censorship Authorities as suitable for viewing by children aged sixteen years and under.

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