

No. 583. THE CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS LAW.  
CAP. 61 AND LAW 35 OF 1953.

REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 13.

A. B. WRIGHT,  
Governor.

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In exercise of the powers vested in me by section 13 of the Cinematograph Films Law, I, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Cinematograph Films (Censorship) Regulations, 1953. Short title.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.  
 "the Board" means the Board of Censors appointed by the Governor under section 3 (1) of the Law;  
 "Censorship Committee" means a Committee appointed by the Board under section 4 of the Law;  
 "film" means a cinematograph film;  
 "the Law" means the Cinematograph Films Law; Cap. 61.  
35 of 1953.  
 "the Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board appointed by the Governor under section 3 (2) of the Law and includes an Assistant Secretary appointed under the said section;  
 "the Treasury" means the Public Treasury of Cyprus.
3. Every application for the approval of a film by a Censorship Committee— Application for approval of film.  
 (a) shall be submitted or forwarded to the Secretary;  
 (b) shall be in the form set out in Form A of the First Schedule hereto; and  
 (c) shall be made not less than three days before it is proposed to exhibit such film.
4. Every film in respect of which an application as in regulation 3 hereof prescribed has been made shall be submitted for approval to a Censorship Committee. Film to be submitted to a Censorship Committee.
5. Upon receipt of an application made as in regulation 3 hereof prescribed, the Secretary may arrange with the applicant to have the film projected at the applicant's risk and expense at Nicosia at such time as the Secretary may appoint: Place of censorship of films.
- Provided that if the applicant requests to have the film projected at any place other than Nicosia, the Secretary may, on payment by the applicant of all travelling and other expenses required therefor, arrange that the film should be projected at the applicant's risk at the place requested by the applicant.
6. There shall be paid into the Treasury in advance by every applicant a fee of ten shillings in respect of every film submitted for examination and approval by a Censorship Committee, and the official receipt for such fee shall be attached to the application by the applicant: Application fees.  
 Provided that no fee shall be paid— New.  
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 (a) in respect of any film which does not exceed one thousand and two hundred feet in length and depicts or relates to comics; reviews of world news, musical extracts, cartoons, educational or cultural subjects, or  
 (b) in respect of any film taken in Cyprus of less than thirty-five millimetres in width.

Classification of films into categories. 7.—(1) A Censorship Committee shall classify each film approved by it for exhibition into one of the following categories :—

(a) *Category "U"* :

All films which in the opinion of the Censorship Committee are suitable for universal exhibition shall be classified as category "U".

(b) *Category "A"* :

All films which in the opinion of the Censorship Committee should not be seen by a person under 16 years of age unless such person is accompanied by a person over 21 years of age or by a parent or guardian shall be classified as category "A".

(c) *Category "X"* :

All films which in the opinion of the Censorship Committee are not suitable for exhibition to persons under 16 years of age, under any circumstances, shall be classified as category "X".

(2) Films classified as category "U" may be exhibited to all persons of any age.

(3) Films classified as category "A" shall not be exhibited to any person under 16 years of age unless such person is accompanied by a responsible person over 21 years of age or by a parent or guardian.

(4) Films classified as category "X" shall not be exhibited to persons under 16 years of age, whether or not such persons are accompanied by persons over 21 years of age or by a parent or guardian.

Decision of Censorship Committee regarding films.

8. The decision of a Censorship Committee on an application for the approval of a film made as in regulation 3 hereof prescribed shall be given in the form set out in Form B of the First Schedule hereto, and shall be made available to the applicant within three days of the date thereof.

Application for approval of posters.

9. Every application for the approval of a poster by a Censorship Committee—

(a) shall be submitted or forwarded to the Secretary ;

(b) shall be in the form set out in Form C of the First Schedule hereto ;  
and

(c) shall be made not less than three days before it is proposed to display or distribute such poster.

Decision of Censorship Committee regarding posters.

10. The decision of a Censorship Committee on an application for the approval of a poster made as in regulation 9 hereof prescribed shall be given in the form set out in Form D of the First Schedule hereto, and shall be made available to the applicant within three days of the date thereof.

Appeal from refusal of Censorship Committee to approve films.

11. Any person who desires to appeal to the Board against the refusal of a Censorship Committee to approve a film or part thereof, shall forward to the President of the Board his memorandum of appeal in the form set out in Form E of the First Schedule hereto, and shall pay into the Treasury in advance a fee of ten shillings.

Exhibition of films to Board.

12. Upon receipt of a memorandum of appeal made as in regulation 11 hereof prescribed, the President of the Board may arrange with the appellant to have the film projected at the appellant's risk and expense at Nicosia at such time as the President may appoint :

Provided that if the appellant requests to have the film projected at any place other than Nicosia, the President of the Board may, on payment by the appellant of all travelling and other expenses required therefor, arrange that the film should be projected at the appellant's risk at the place requested by the appellant.

Decision of Board regarding films.

13. The decision of the Board on an appeal made as in regulation 11 hereof prescribed shall be in the form set out in Form F of the First Schedule hereto, and shall be made available to the appellant within three days of the date thereof.

14. Any person who desires to appeal to the Board against the refusal of a Censorship Committee to approve a poster shall forward to the President of the Board his memorandum of appeal in the form set out in Form G of the First Schedule hereto. Appeal from refusal of Censorship Committee to approve posters.
15. The decision of the Board on an appeal made as in regulation 14 hereof prescribed shall be given in the form set out in Form H of the First Schedule hereto, and shall be made available to the appellant within three days of the date thereof. Decision of Board regarding posters.
16. Every person exhibiting a film which has been approved by a Censorship Committee or by the Board, as the case may be, shall, at every such exhibition, cause Form B or Form F, as the case may be, of the First Schedule hereto on which such approval is recorded to be posted and kept posted for public inspection in a conspicuous place in the theatre, building or space in which such exhibition takes place. Form of approval of film to be displayed.
17. The Secretary shall keep a Register of Films in the form set out in Form J of the Second Schedule hereto. Register of films.
18. Where these Regulations require that any application, decision or appeal shall be in one of the forms set out in the First Schedule hereto, it shall be sufficient if the same is as nearly in accordance with such form as circumstances permit. Forms.
19. Any person who acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations, or who fails to comply with any decision made under the provisions of these Regulations, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and the Court may order the forfeiture of any film or poster in respect of which such offence has been committed. Penalties.
20. The Cinematograph Films Regulations, 1935, are hereby revoked. Revocation. Gazette : 29.3.1935.

FIRST SCHEDULE.  
FORM A.  
(Regulation 3.)

*The Cinematograph Films (Censorship) Regulations, 1953.*

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXHIBIT A FILM.

No. of Application : (1).....

To the Secretary of the Board of Film Censors.

I,....., of.....  
hereby apply for approval to exhibit the following film :—

- (a) Original title .....
- (b) Alternative titles (if any).....
- (c) Class (2) .....
- (d) Proposed category of film.....
- (e) Length .....
- (f) Width .....
- (g) Silent or talking.....
- (h) Language.....
- (i) Maker .....
- (j) Country of registration.....

2. I have paid into the Treasury a fee of ten shillings and official receipt No.....  
dated....., 19....., in respect of the said fee is attached hereto.

Dated the..... day of....., 19.....

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*Applicant.*

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(1) To be filled in by the Secretary.  
(2) Films should be entered under one of the following classes : Drama, Comedy, Musical extract, News, Cartoons, Educational, Advertisement.