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Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by LN 52/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made in the text.

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**MOTION PICTURE FILMS
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An Act relating to the Carriage and Storage of Motion Picture Films. 1950 Ed.
Ch. 30 No. 20.
10 of 1950.

[4TH MARCH 1950]

Commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Motion Picture Films (Carriage and Storage) Act. Short title.

2. In this Act, “film” or “motion picture film” means picture or sound recording film having a nitro cellulose base whether in the form of unexposed film, positives, negatives, scrap or used film. Interpretation.

3. (1) The Minister may, subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament, make Regulations— Power to make Regulations.

- (a) to make provision for the protection of persons and property from danger arising from fire or explosion caused by or incident to the presence of films in any place;
- (b) prescribing the conditions under and the places in which films may be stored;
- (c) prescribing the conditions under and the vehicles and receptacles in which films may be transported from one place to another;
- (d) determining the restrictions to be imposed upon persons when in close proximity to films stored in any place;
- (e) prescribing or imposing penalties against any of the said regulations of a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars or imprisonment for twelve months and a further penalty in the case of a continuing offence of a fine not exceeding four hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

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(2) The Motion Picture Films (Carriage and Storage) Regulations (formerly contained in a Schedule to this Act) shall be deemed to be made under this section and may be amended or revoked under subsection (1).

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**MOTION PICTURE FILMS (CARRIAGE AND
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deemed to be made under section 3

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motion Picture Films (Carriage and Storage) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations —

“cabinet” means a non-combustible container of a type approved by the Chief Fire Officer;

“high fire risk area” means an area designated as such by the Chief Fire Officer which has been approved by the Minister and notified in the *Gazette*;

“motion picture film” means picture or sound recording film having a nitro cellulose base whether in the form of unexposed film, positives, negatives, scrap or used film;

“shipping and rewinding room” means a room designed and constructed with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer (Works) and used for the inspection, repair or rewinding of film and in which films are kept pending shipment;

“standard roll” means a roll of film 35 mm. wide and 1,000 feet long weighing approximately 5 lb. used as a measurement of unit;

“vault” means a vault designed and constructed with the approval of the Chief Technical Officer (Works).

Storage and
transportation of
film.
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3. (1) All motion picture film shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 13 of the Cinematograph Regulations, be stored within a vault.

(2) No building containing a vault shall be erected or maintained within 50 feet of any other building not containing a vault.

(3) No motion picture film shall be transported other than in the manner specified herein.

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(4) No motion picture film shall be stored on any premises without a licence from the Chief Fire Officer.

(5) Every licence issued under subregulation (4) shall expire on the 31st December next following the date of issue, and notice of the issue of every such licence shall be published in the *Gazette*.

4. No motion picture film other than motion picture film provided for in regulation 13 of the Cinematograph Regulations shall be stored within any high fire risk area of Trinidad and Tobago.

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5. Racks shall be of incombustible material and arranged for storage of single reel containers or in storage of I.C.C. containers. Incombustible partitions of 3/8 inch in hard asbestos or its equivalent in fire resisting value, and extending from the floor to the top of the rack shall be provided to divide racks into vertical sections not over 3 feet wide and so placed as not to obstruct distribution from sprinkler heads. Racks shall not obstruct vent openings.

Racks.

6. Vaults and other buildings attached thereto used in connection with film storage shall be protected by a system of sprinklers to specification 175 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Protection by
sprinklers.

7. All electrical apparatus and installations in vaults shall be of a standard approved by the Government Chief Electrical Inspector.

Approved
standard.

8. No combustible materials other than film shall be stored or placed in a vault.

Combustible
materials.

9. All film shall be kept in closed containers, except during the actual time it is being worked on or examined.

Film to be kept
in closed
containers.

10. (1) No more than 20 double rolls or 40 single rolls of film per operator shall be removed from a vault at any time for inspection or shipping purposes; and not more than 2 double rolls or 4 single rolls per operator shall be exposed at any one time.

Removal of film
from vault.

(2) No reel shall be exposed in a vault at any time.

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Scrap film.

11. (1) Scrap film shall be kept separate from all other material, and under water in steel drums with close fitting covers.

(2) All film for disposal shall be deposited with the Chief Fire Officer. No film scrap shall be buried or burnt.

Inspecting,
repairing and
rewinding of
film.

12. (1) No film shall be inspected, repaired or rewound other than in a rewinding room.

(2) No non-essential combustible material shall be kept in rewinding rooms other than in cabinets.

Shipping and
rewinding
rooms.

13. (1) All shipping and rewinding rooms shall be fitted with a sprinkler system to conform to specification 175 of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

(2) Collodion, amyl acetate or other similar flammable substance stored in a rewinding room shall be kept in a metal container, and the total quantity exposed at any one time shall not exceed one Imperial pint.

In-transit films.

14. (1) All in-transit films at a film exchange shall as soon as practicable be placed in a vault.

(2) Film shall only be transported in a vehicle in respect of which a permit in writing authorising the carriage of film in such vehicle has been issued by the Chief Fire Officer.

(3) No motion picture film shall be transported other than in containers approved by the Chief Fire Officer.

No-smoking
notices.

15. No person shall smoke in any premises where motion picture film is stored or handled. Warning notices to this effect shall be posted over entrances in red letters 6 inches high on a white background.

Exit notices.

16. Means of escape to freedom for employees on premises where motion picture film is stored or handled shall be prominently indicated by means of notices in green letters 6 inches high on a white background, at all points of exit.

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17. (1) Fire equipment of a standard type and number approved by the Chief Fire Officer shall be kept and maintained in all premises where motion picture film is stored or handled.

Fire equipment.

(2) All sprinkler systems installed in accordance with these Regulations may be inspected and tested at any time by the Chief Fire Officer or a person appointed by him in writing for such purpose and shall be so inspected and tested before a licence to store film is issued or renewed.

18. Whenever any person withholds his approval of the doing of or omission to do anything in connection with any film which is subject to his approval under these Regulations, the person aggrieved by his decision may, within seven days of the date of receipt of notification that such approval has been withheld, appeal against such decision to the Minister who may, in his discretion, authorise the doing of or the omission to do such thing either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose, or may confirm such decision. However, such decision shall be binding upon such person until varied or revoked by the Minister.

Withholding of approval and appeal against such decision.

19. No person shall leave or cause to be left any motion picture film unattended unless the same is secured in a vault, rewinding room or shipping room.

Film not to be left unattended.

20. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of regulation 3, 4, 15 or 16, is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars or imprisonment for twelve months, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of four hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

Offence.

21. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of regulation 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 or 19 is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of two hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

Offence.

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Entry without
notice.

22. The Commissioner of Police, the Chief Fire Officer and any member of the Police Service authorised in writing by the Commissioner of Police or member of the Fire Service authorised in writing by the Chief Fire Officer may at any time without notice enter any vault or building attached thereto used in connection with film storage or any shipping and rewinding room and inspect the same, and any person who assaults or impedes or obstructs the Commissioner of Police or Chief Fire Officer or any such member of the Police Service or of the Fire Service in the execution of his duty under this regulation is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred dollars.
