

## CHAPTER 30. No. 20.

MOTION PICTURE FILMS (CARRIAGE  
AND STORAGE).Ordinance  
No. 10-1950.AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE AND STORAGE  
OF MOTION PICTURE FILMS.Commence-  
ment.

[4th March, 1950.]

Short title.

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

Definition.

2. In this Ordinance, " 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.

Power  
to make  
Regulations.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may 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 offences against any of the said regulations and penalties therefor: Provided that no such penalty shall exceed a fine of five thousand dollars or imprisonment for twelve months with or

without hard labour: Provided further that in the case of a continuing offence, any such regulations may provide for a further penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

(2) Regulations made under this Ordinance shall have no force or effect until they have been approved by the Legislative Council: Provided that until varied or revoked by any such regulations, the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto shall be in force.

SCHEDULE.

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

2. In these Regulations—

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

“ high fire risk area ” means an area designated as such by the Superintendent of Fire Brigades which has been approved by the Governor in Council and notified in the *Royal 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 Director of Works and Hydraulics 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 Director of Works and Hydraulics.

3. (1) All motion picture film shall, subject to the provisions of regulation 13 of the Cinematograph Regulations which are contained in the Schedule to the Cinematograph Ordinance, 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.

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

(5) Every licence issued under the preceding sub-regulation 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 *Royal Gazette*.

4. No motion picture film other than motion picture film provided for in the said regulation 13 shall be stored within any high fire risk area of the Colony.

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  $\frac{3}{8}$  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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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 Superintendent of Fire Brigades. No film scrap shall be buried or burnt.

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.

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.

14. (1) All intransit 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 Superintendent of Fire Brigades.

(3) No motion picture film shall be transported other than in containers approved by the Superintendent of Fire Brigades.

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.

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.

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

(2) All sprinkler systems installed in accordance with these regulations may be inspected and tested at any time by the Superintendent of Fire Brigades 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 shall withhold 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 Governor in Council 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: Provided that such decision shall be binding upon such person until varied or revoked by the Governor in Council.

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.

20. If any person shall contravene any of the provisions of regulations 3, 4, 15 or 16, he shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisonment with or without hard labour for twelve months, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of one hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

21. If any person shall contravene any of the provisions of regulations 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 or 19 he shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of fifty dollars for each day during which the offence continues.

22. The Commissioner of Police, the Superintendent of Fire Brigades, and any member of the Police Force authorised in writing by the Commissioner of Police or member of the Fire Brigade Department authorised in writing by the Superintendent of Fire Brigades 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 Superintendent of Fire Brigades or any such member of the Police Force or of the Fire Brigade Department in the execution of his duty under this regulation shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of forty-eight dollars.

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23. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st of December, 1950.