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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

NOTIFICATION

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G.S.R...- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952), and in supersession of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely : —

1. Short title and commencement.-

- (1) These rules shall be called the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires-

- (i) "Act" means the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952);
- (ii) "advisory panel" means the advisory panel of the Board constituted under rule 7;
- (iii) "applicant" means a person applying for certification of a film for public exhibition under section 4;
- (iv) "Assistant Regional Officer" means an assistant regional officer appointed under rule 9 and includes the Secretary to Chairperson;
- (v) "Board" means the Board of Film Certification constituted under section 3;
- (vi) "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board;
- (vii) "Chief Executive Officer" means a Chief Executive Officer appointed under rule 9;
- (viii) "Examining Officer" means a Chief Executive Officer or a Regional Officer or an Additional Regional Officer or an Assistant Regional Officer or such other officer appointed by the Central Government for the purpose of examination of films;
- (ix) "feature film" means fictionalized story long film;
- (x) "foreign films" means films produced outside India;
- (xi) "long film" is a film running 72 minutes or more, including the credit and title time of the film;
- (xii) "member" means a member of the Board and includes the Chairperson;
- (xiii) "Regional Officer" means a Regional Officer appointed under rule 9 and includes a Chief Executive Officer, an Additional Regional Officer and an Assistant Regional Officer or such other officer appointed under that rule;
- (xiv) "section" means a section of the Act;
- (xv) "short film" means a film running less than 72 minutes;
- (xvi) "UA certificate" means a 'UA' certificate with the appropriate 'UA marker' as defined under clause (i) of section 2 of the Act; and

Rule 22(4)

Provided further that the Chairperson may in the following circumstances, direct or permit applications in respect of any films or class of films to be made or transferred to a Regional Officer other than the Regional Officer to whom such applications would have been made but for this proviso, namely,-

- (i) where the Chairperson is satisfied that immediate action for examination of a film is necessary, or
 - (ii) where examination of a film with the assistance of persons well acquainted with the language of the film is not possible at the place where but for the provisions of this proviso, it would have been made for examination, or
 - (iii) for such other reasons as may be specified by the Chairperson in writing.
- (4) Every such application under sub-rules (1) or (2) shall be accompanied by online submission of following on the e-cinepramaan portal,-
- (a) the payment of fee prescribed under rule 36;
 - (b) the synopsis of the film, together with full credit titles;
 - (c) the complete script, including the full text of the songs, if any;
 - (d) the same language subtitles, same language audio description, or same language closed captions, if any, and any other accessibility features as may be notified, from time to time, by the Central Government;
 - (e) a statement showing the duration of the film; and
 - (f) the documents submitted under clauses (c), (d) and (e) shall be accompanied by the Time Counter Reading:

Provided that where the film is in a language other than English or any Indian language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India, the applicant shall furnish the translation in English or Hindi of the synopsis, the complete script and the full text of the songs, if any:

Provided further that in the case of a film referred to in the preceding proviso, the Regional Officer may direct the applicant to also furnish the translation in English or Hindi of the full text of the dialogue, speeches or commentary in the film;
 - (g) a declaration made in writing by the producer of the film declaring that no cruelty was caused to the animals used during shooting of the films produced in India under any other law, for the time being in force.

Explanation: For the purpose of this clause:

 - (i) "animal" shall have the meaning assigned to it under clause (a) of section 2 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960);
 - (ii) "cruelty" means treating the animals in any manner specified in clauses (a) to (o) of sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960);
 - (h) if the applications made for the purpose of a fresh certificate under sub-rule (2) of rule 30, the copy of original certificate or duplicate certificate; and
 - (i) if the application is made by a person other than the producer or copyright holder of the film an authorisation in writing on a stamped paper of appropriate value to be notified by the Chairperson from the producer or copyright holder of the film.
- (5) If, in the case of a short film, the Regional Officer is satisfied that the applicant is not able to furnish the documents specified in sub-rule (4) along with the application for reasons beyond his control, the Regional Officer may direct that such documents may be furnished within such period