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FORMER REGULATIONS

Abchnitt C)

Film Kontingentierung - Besonderer Teil

I.

2. No Vormerkscheine are required for an exhibition permit for domestic sound films of all kinds, nor for foreign news-reels.

II.

1. For each Vormerkschein, 10 exhibition permits for foreign short sound films less than 350 m long can be issued, or 5 exhibition permits for foreign short sound films from 350 to 700 meters.

NEW REGULATIONS, effective February 7, 1937

Abchnitt C)

Film Kontingentierung - Besonderer Teil

I.

2. No Vormerkscheine are required for domestic sound films of all kinds, nor for foreign news-reels, or for "Verspann" films provided that domestic advertisement films comply with the respective special regulations.

II.

1. For the issuance of an exhibition permit for a foreign short sound film less than 350 m long, 0.15 Vormerkscheine are required and 0.30 Vormerkscheine for such films from 350 to 700 m long. Foreign advertisement films pay three times the above number of Vormerkscheine.

Former Regulations

2. For the issuance of an exhibition permit for foreign sound films the following number of Vermerkscheine are required:
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| above 1500 meters | - | 3 |
| from 1000 to 1500 meters | | 2 |
| " 700 to 1000 " | | 1 |
3. In issuing exhibition permits for a foreign sound film which requires the insertion of German texts and titles in order to make it understandable to all categories of audience, a reduction can be granted to 1 Vermerkschein if exhibited in one copy, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Vermerkscheine if exhibited in two copies. In each case an application must be made to the Film Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce.
4. Exhibition fees for films of all kinds produced in countries which handicap the distribution of Austrian films by import prohibitions, regulations concerning payment, the scenario, cast, etc., can be increased above the normal extent.

New Regulations

2. For the issuance of an exhibition permit for foreign sound films, the following number of Vermerkscheine are required:
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| above 1500 meters | - | $4\frac{1}{2}$ |
| from 1000 to 1500 meters | | 3 |
| " 700 to 1000 " | | 2 |
3. In issuing exhibition permits for a foreign feature film which requires the insertion of German texts and titles in order to make it understandable to all categories of audience, a reduction can be granted to $1\frac{1}{2}$ Vermerkscheine if shown in one copy, to 2 Vermerkscheine if shown in two copies. In each case application must be made to the Film Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce; these applications will be usually granted if the petitioning distributors have the titling and sub-titling done in Austria of at least one third of the number of foreign language copies distributed.
4. Exhibition fees for films of all kinds produced in countries which handicap the distribution of Austrian films by import prohibitions, regulations concerning payment, the scenario, cast, etc., can be increased above the normal extent. Reduction of fees in accordance with economic seasonal fluctuations will not be granted.

Former Regulations

III.

1. A maximum of 25 Vormerkscheine will be issued for each domestic feature sound film, and of 3 Vormerkscheine for each domestic short film, and each short film for compulsory exhibition.
5. Distributors which prove a certain expenditure in Austria for the dubbing of a film, receive 2 Vormerkscheine. Furthermore, the exhibition of such films in Austria will be granted free.

New Regulations

III.

1. A maximum of 12 Vormerkscheine will be issued for each domestic feature sound film, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ Vormerkscheine each for such short films, and of 3 Vormerkscheine each for short films for compulsory exhibition.
5. Distributors which can prove a certain expenditure in Austria for the dubbing of a feature film receive a maximum of 8 Vormerkscheine. Furthermore, the exhibition of such films in Austria will be granted free. The same applies to the original foreign language version of such film.

IV.

1. Vormerkscheine issued in accordance with the regulations under Article III are handed to the Film Bureau of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. The price of one Vormerkschein is 1000 schillings. (Formerly 1,200 schillings).