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RULES FOR REGISTRATION
OF FEATURE FILM PRODUCERS

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 81

1. In this Order, "feature film", means a cinematograph film which contains a story and is intended to be exhibited for public information or public entertainment.
2. No person shall undertake the production of a feature film for public exhibition, not being a film being produced exclusively for Pakistan Television Corporation, unless he is registered with the Federal Government as a producer of feature films.
3. The Federal Government may by notification in the official Gazette, make rules relating to registration of producers of feature films under paragraph 2.
4. (1) The Federal Government or any person authorized by it in this behalf may by an order to be notified in the official Gazette declare any film to be an uncertified film in the whole of Pakistan for the purposes of the Motion Pictures Ordinance, 1979 (XLIII of 1979) notwithstanding that such a film was earlier declared to be a certified film for the purposes of the said Ordinance.
(2) A producer, holder or exhibitor of a film which is or has been declared to be an uncertified film under sub-paragraph (1) may apply to the Federal Government or to the person authorized by it in this behalf for reconsideration of the order passed under sub-paragraph (1) and the Federal Government or the person authorized by it in this behalf may on reconsideration of the earlier order pass such order as deemed fit in the circumstances of each case and the order so passed shall be final.

General
M. ZIA-UL-HAQ
President

Rawalpindi :
17th September, 1980.

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Under powers conferred by MLO No.81 the following Rules for Registration of feature film producers in Pakistan are hereby notified by the Government.

(1) Any person who wishes to produce a feature film for public exhibition shall, where specifically exempted, apply for registration with the Federal Government on application form as Annexured in quadruplicate "duly attested by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, Pakistan Film Producers Association, along with the National Tax Authority and a Treasury/State Bank receipt for having deposited * five thousand rupees in Account No. 1300-1000, Receipts 1300-0000000000 Fees for registration of feature Film Producers. The amount is not refundable, irrespective of the decision on the application. For other terms the general consideration for registration will be as set out in Annexure-I.

(2) An application submitted under sub-rule (1) shall be examined and scrutinized by the Central Board of Film Censors, Islamabad, in order to ascertain whether the requirements for registration under these rules have been fulfilled.

(3) If it appears to the Central Board of Film Censors that the requirements for registration under these rules are not met, it shall inform the applicant and give him an opportunity to fulfill such requirements within fifteen days.

(4) If the applicant fails to satisfy the Central Board of Film Censors that those requirements are met, or fails to respond before the end of the specified period, the said Board shall refuse to accept the application.

(5) If it appears to the Central Board of Film Censors that the requirements for registration under these rules are met, it shall forward the application to the ** Joint Secretary (Culture), Ministry of Minorities, Culture, Sports, Tourism & Youth Affairs under sub-rule (6) to consider the case for registration as feature film producer.

** (6) The Joint Secretary (Culture) Ministry of Minorities, Culture, Sports, Tourism and Youth Affairs shall examine the case and approve the registration of the applicant as feature film producer under these rules; and

** (7) Omitted.

(1) Those whose names are registered will be informed on the address given in the application form. The name of a registered film producer will also be notified