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STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

Approved American National Standards

Three American National Standards were approved by the American National Standards Institute on October 26, 1981: ANSI PH22.86-1981, Position, Dimensions and Reproducing Speed of Three 200-Mil Magnetic Sound Records on 35-mm and One Record on 17.5-mm Motion-Picture Film; ANSI PH22.21M-1981, Specifications for Camera Usage of Double-Width 8-mm Type R Motion-Picture Film Perforated Two Edges; and ANSI PH22.174-1981, Dimensions for 16-mm Daylight-Loading Motion-Picture Camera Spools (50- to 400-Ft Capacity). Copies of the standards, which are revisions of existing documents, are available for a nominal fee from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

Approved International Standard

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) recently approved an International Standard, the technical content of which is published here for your information. ISO 2968-1981, Cinematography — Recorded Characteristics for Magnetic Sound Record on 8 mm Type S Motion-Picture Prints and Full-Coat Magnetic Film Perforated 8 mm Type S — Specifications, has no comparable American National Standard, although it agrees with U.S. industry practice.

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Editorially Revised Practices

Two Proposed SMPTE Recommended Practices are subject to a trial period and public review. The technical content is unaffected because the modifications are editorial in nature. The changes are being published for your information and comment.

RP 19, Specifications for 8-mm Type R Registration Test Film (revision of RP 19-1965 published in the January 1966 *JOURNAL*): The Appendix has been revised and expanded to facilitate use of the practice.

RP 20, Specifications for 16-mm Registration Test Film (revision of RP 20-1965 published in the January 1966 *JOURNAL*): The Appendix has been modified and expanded to permit greater use of the document.

Copies of the proposals are available from Society Headquarters for \$1.00 each. Comments should be addressed to Alex E. Alden, Manager of Engineering Services, at Society Headquarters prior to May 1, 1982. If no adverse comments are received from *JOURNAL* publication, the practices will be submitted to the Society's Board of Governors for approval. — Alex E. Alden, Manager of Engineering Services