

Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Rules

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Arms” means the national coat of arms or State Crest of Singapore, which is depicted and described in the First Schedule;

“authorised officer” means any public officer authorised in writing by the Minister to exercise the powers conferred, and to perform the duties imposed, on an authorised officer under these Rules;

“display”, in relation to the Flag, includes —

- (a) exhibiting, flying or hanging the Flag; or
- (b) printing, painting or placing of an image of the Flag on any surface;
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“Flag” means the national flag of Singapore, which is depicted and described in the Second Schedule;

“Government department” means any department or office of the Executive, Legislative or Judicial branch of the Government;

“image”, in relation to the Flag, means —

- (a) any picture or visual image (whether electronically generated or otherwise) of the Flag; or
- (b) any other such picture or visual image that so nearly resembles the Flag as to be capable of being mistaken for the Flag;
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“National Anthem” means the national anthem of Singapore, the music score for the official arrangement and the official lyrics of which are set out in the Third Schedule;

“perform”, in relation to the National Anthem, includes playing a recording of the National Anthem.

PART II

USE AND DISPLAY OF ARMS

Restricted use of Arms

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), no person shall, without the prior written permission of the Minister or any authorised officer —

- (a) print, publish, manufacture, sell, offer for sale or exhibit for sale;
- (b) cause to be printed, published, manufactured, sold, offered for sale or

exhibited for sale;

(c) send, distribute or deliver to, or serve on, any other person; or

(d) cause to be sent, distributed or delivered to, or served on, any other person, any writing, material or object in or on which appears the Arms or any token, insignia, emblem or other thing that so nearly resembles the Arms as to be capable of being mistaken for the Arms.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), no person shall, without the prior written permission of the Minister or any authorised officer, use or apply the Arms on any writing, material or object.

(3) This rule shall not prohibit —

(a) the display of the Arms by any Government department on or within the premises of any building owned by the Government or occupied by one or more Government departments; or

(b) the use or application of the Arms on any writing, material or object produced or commissioned by any Government department, or any public officer, for the purposes of the Government.

PART III

USE AND DISPLAY OF FLAG

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Respect for Flag

4.—(1) No person shall treat the Flag with disrespect.

(2) No person in possession of the Flag shall allow or cause the Flag to touch the floor or ground, even when lowering the Flag from a staff or flagpole.

Display of Flag outside buildings

5.—(1) When the Flag is displayed outside a building, it shall be displayed on or in front of the building.

(2) At any time other than during the period referred to in paragraph (3), when the Flag is displayed outside a building or in an open space —

(a) it shall be flown from a flagpole; and

(b) it shall not be flown at night unless it is properly illuminated.

(3) At any time during the period beginning 1st July and ending on 30th September of each year, or the period between 25 April 2020 and 30 June 2020 (both dates inclusive), when the Flag is displayed outside a building or in an open space —

- (a) it may, but need not, be flown from a flagpole; and
- (b) it may be displayed at night without being properly illuminated.

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Flying or display of Flag on vehicles, vessels and aircraft

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the Flag shall not be displayed on any motor vehicle except —

- (a) on a motor vehicle in which —
 - (i) the President is travelling; or
 - (ii) any Minister is travelling on official business; or
- (b) in such circumstances as may be approved by the Minister, being circumstances wherein there is no disrespect for the Flag.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Flag shall not be displayed on any vessel or aircraft except —

- (a) on a Government vessel or aircraft;
- (b) on such other vessel or aircraft as may be authorised under any written law to display the Flag; or
- (c) in such circumstances as may be approved by the Minister, being circumstances wherein there is no disrespect for the Flag.

(3) During the period beginning 1st July and ending on 30th September of each year, any person may, without the need for the approval of the Minister under paragraph (1)(b) or (2)(c), display the Flag on any vehicle (other than a hearse), vessel or aircraft except that he shall do so in a manner that does not give rise to any disrespect to the Flag.

Manner of display of Flag

7.—(1) Subject to international practice, the Flag shall take precedence over all other flags when displayed in Singapore.

(2) When the Flag is displayed with any other flag or flags, the Flag shall be displayed prominently, in the position of honour and, where practicable, above all other flags.