

Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem (Amendment) Rules 2007

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SINGAPORE ARMS AND FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM ACT (CHAPTER 296)

SINGAPORE ARMS AND FLAG AND NATIONAL ANTHEM (AMENDMENT) RULES 2007

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Act, the President hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem (Amendment) Rules 2007 and shall come into operation on 16th July 2007.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Singapore Arms and Flag and National Anthem Rules (R 1) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “display” and substituting the following definition:

“ “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;”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Government department”, the following definition:

“ “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;”.

Deletion and substitution of Part III

3. Part III of the principal Rules is deleted and the following Part substituted therefor:

“PART III

USE AND DISPLAY OF FLAG

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, 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.

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.