

# **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 exhibiting, flying or hanging the Flag;

“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;

“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

#### **Display of Flag outside buildings**

4.—(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 starting from 1st August and ending on 31st August 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 of Flag on vehicles, vessels and aircraft**

5.—(1) The Flag shall not be flown on any motor vehicle except a motor vehicle in which —

- (a) the President is travelling; or
- (b) any Minister is travelling on official business.

(2) The Flag shall not be flown on any vessel or aircraft except —

- (a) a Government vessel or aircraft; or
- (b) such other vessel or aircraft as may be authorised under any written law to fly the Flag.

## **Manner of display of Flag**

6.—(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.

(3) When raised or carried in a procession with any other flag or flags, the Flag shall be raised or carried —

- (a) in front of the other flag or flags in a single file, or in the position of honour if the other flag or flags are carried side-by-side with the Flag; and
- (b) high on the right shoulder of the standard bearer.

(4) The Flag shall not be displayed below any other flag, emblem or object.

(5) When the Flag is displayed on a platform or stage, the Flag shall —

- (a) be above all decorations;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c), be behind and above any person speaking from the platform or stage; and
- (c) if displayed from a staff standing on the platform or stage, be on the right side of any person speaking from the platform or stage.

(6) The Flag shall not be displayed or carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(7) The Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing.

(8) In this rule, unless the context otherwise requires —

“flag” means any flag that is not the national flag of another State;

“position of honour”, in relation to the display of the Flag side-by-side with, and at the same level as, any other flag or flags, means —

- (a) the left as seen by any spectator facing —
  - (i) the Flag and the other flag or flags; or
  - (ii) the building on which, or in front of which, the Flag and the other flag or flags are flown; or
- (b) where the Flag and the other flag or flags are carried in a procession,