

## COMMUNIQUE

### Regulations on Standard Size and Dimension, Colour Codes and Materials of the National Flag

The National Flag Act of Mauritius came into force on 15 April 2016. The **National Flag (Standard Size and Dimension, Colour Codes and Materials) Regulations 2016** (Government Notice No. 174 of 2016) became operational as from 01 November 2016 to regulate the size and colour codes of the national flags to be used as mast, desk/handheld and car flags, and materials to be used for the mast flag, as follows:

#### (1) Standard sizes and dimensions for the national flag

Type of National Flag	Width (mm) x Height (mm)	Height of each colour band (mm)
Mast flag	1800 x 1200	300
Desk flag or handheld flag	150 x 100	25
Car flag	300 x 200	50

A tolerance of  $\pm 2\%$  shall be allowed on the dimensions of the different coloured sections of the flag.

#### (2) Colour codes corresponding to the 4 colours of the national flag

Colour	Pantone fashion home cotton
Red	18 – 1664TC
Blue	19 – 3939TC
Yellow	14 – 0957TC
Green	17 – 6030TC

A tolerance of 1mm shall be allowed for overlapping between 2 different colours.

#### (3) Properties of the materials for the mast flag

Property	Requirement	Text Method
Composition - % polyester	100	*
Construction	Plain weave	ISO 3572
Mass per unit area (free from non-fibrous material), g/m <sup>2</sup>	150 $\pm$ 5	ISO 3801

\* Polyester fibres dissolve at room temperature (or on slight warming in o-chlorophenol), and in hot m-cresol.

#### (4) **Buntings**

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that **vertical buntings** do not comply with Section 4(1) of the National Flag Act which states that *“The National Flag of Mauritius shall consist of 4 horizontal stripes of equal width”* and therefore cannot be used.

As regards to **horizontal buntings**, Section 4 (1) (d) of the National Flag Act has to be complied with. The buntings should be *“in the proportion of 3 horizontally to 2 vertically”*.

In the context of the National Day Celebrations 2017, the Prime Minister’s Office invites the public, importers, manufacturers, traders and users to comply with the National Flag Act and the National Flag (Standard Size and Dimension, Colour Codes and Materials) Regulations 2016.

Flags which are not in accordance with the Act and Regulations must not be used. Flags which are in accordance with the legislation but which are defective should be replaced.

Failure to comply with the legislation shall constitute an offence.

#### (5) **Website**

A copy of the National Flag Act can be accessed on the following website:  
<http://pmo.govmu.org>

**Prime Minister’s Office**

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