

GUIDANCE ON THE PROPER DISPLAY OF THE SEYCHELLES NATIONAL FLAG



The National Flag is a representation of Seychelles as a Nation...fly it with pride!

Description of the flag

The Seychelles National Flag of the Third Republic is made up of five oblique bands of blue, yellow, red, white and green radiating from the bottom of the hoist side of the flag. The oblique bands symbolise a dynamic country moving into the future.

The representations of the colours of the bands are given below:

- ❖ Blue: represents the sky and the sea that surrounds us.
- ❖ Yellow: represents the sun which gives light and life.
- ❖ Red: represents the people and their determination to work for the future in unity and love.
- ❖ White: represents social justice and harmony.
- ❖ Green: represents the land and natural environment.

Display of the National Flag at Private Residences

- ❖ The National Flag can be displayed by anyone at their private residence. It can be displayed indoors or outdoors, as long as its display meets all the requirements for flying the flag with respect and dignity.
- ❖ The National Flag should not be displayed or hung on any household items or any objects or plants in the vicinity of a house.
- ❖ It is recommended for the National Flag to be displayed from a pole made specifically for it or flat against a wall.

Indoors

- ❖ The National Flag may be displayed with or without a pole. A smaller version of the National Flag may be displayed on a coffee table, a shelf or any area in the house that would allow it to be visible.
- ❖ The figure below illustrates two ways of displaying the National Flag against a wall.



Outdoors

- ❖ As far as possible, the National Flag should be displayed in the middle front or on the front right of a building:
- ❖ The National Flag may be displayed on a pole positioned on the ground far enough from the front wall, to allow it to move freely.
- ❖ The National Flag may be displayed on a pole positioned vertically on the roof of a house or affixed horizontally or at approximately a 45-degree angle to the wall, pillar, or balcony of a house.
- ❖ It is recommended that, only one National Flag be displayed outdoors per household at any one time.
- ❖ It is recommended that, the National Flag when displayed be within reach, to facilitate its removal, if and when necessary.

Below are images of the display of the National Flag outdoors:



Pole used to display the National Flag

- ❖ The poles used to display the flag should be made out of materials such as metal, wood or other materials that would be resistant to weather conditions (especially when positioned outdoors), and would support the flag when it is on display.
- ❖ When the National Flag is displayed on a pole it is important to follow the specifications below:

FLAG DIMENSIONS	POLE DIMENSIONS	PURPOSE
<i>Table flag (25cmx15cm)</i>	<i>30cm approx.</i>	<i>Flag displayed on desks, tables, coffee table, shelves etc...</i>
<i>2x1 ft. (60cmx30cm)</i>	<i>No less than 60cm</i>	<i>Flag displayed as an alternative to the 4x2 ft.</i>
<i>4x2 ft. (1.2mx60cm)</i>	<i>Between 1.5m and 2.m</i>	<i>Flags usually displayed on vessels (boats, yachts etc....), but may be displayed at private residences</i>
<i>6x3 ft. (1.8mx90cm)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>2m to 2.5m (indoors)</i>▪ <i>At least 4.5m (outdoors)</i>	<i>Flag displayed on indoor and outdoor flag poles on public and private premises.</i>

General Requirements for the Display of the National Flag

Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should comply with the following requirements:

- ❖ When the National Flag is displayed vertically, the blue colour should be in alignment with the flagpole.
- ❖ When the National Flag is displayed from a flagpole projecting horizontally or at an angle from a windowsill, balcony, or front of a building, the blue colour should be in alignment with the pole and the green colour parallel to the wall.
- ❖ As far as possible, when the National Flag is displayed outdoors in the night, it should be properly illuminated.
- ❖ No object, including flowers, bottle tops, and clothing among others should be placed on or above the pole from which the National Flag is displayed.
- ❖ A damaged, torn, or worn out National Flag should not be displayed.
- ❖ A damaged or crooked pole should not be used to display the National Flag.

Handling the National Flag

- ❖ The National Flag should not be used disrespectfully, for instance in a situation where it is deliberately burned.
- ❖ The National Flag should never be fastened or displayed in a way to prevent it from flying freely, or used in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn or damaged in any way.
- ❖ The National Flag should never be used as an object for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- ❖ The National Flag should never be allowed to touch the ground.
- ❖ When the National Flag is damaged it should not be cast aside or disrespectfully disposed of, but should be destroyed as a whole, in private, preferably by burning or by any other method consistent with the dignity of the flag. If in doubt, contact the State Protocol.
- ❖ The National Flag should not be used as a table cloth, sofa cover, curtains or any items of the sort.
- ❖ Lettering, signature, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings or imprint of any kind should not be put upon the National Flag.
- ❖ The National Flag should never be displayed upside down.
- ❖ The National Flag may be used at National events, especially National Celebrations, sporting or cultural events among others.

Penalties

According to Seychelles' Law, a person who does any act or utters any word with intent to insult or bring into contempt or ridicule the National Flag is guilty of an offence and liable of conviction to a fine of SR25, 000 or imprisonment for 5 years.

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