

RULES PERTAINING TO THE DISPLAY OF THE SEYCHELLES NATIONAL FLAG

- (i) The Flag shall be displayed on buildings and stationary flag-staffs in the open from sunrise to sunset (6am – 6pm). However, when a patriotic effect is desired e.g. at a National Monument, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours, provided it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.*

- (ii) No other flag, standard or pennant should be placed above or on the same level, to the left of the National Flag.*

- (iii) When a number of local flags, standards or pennants are grouped and displayed on staffs, the National Flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group. It should be hoisted first and lowered last.*

- (iv) However, when the flag of another country is to be displayed, both the National Flag and the country's flag are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be approximately of equal size.
 - a. International usage forbids the display of the flag of a foreign state above that of a host country.**

- (v) When carried in a parade or procession with another flag or standard, the National Flag should be on the marching right (i.e. on the left when looking from the outside).*

If there is a line of other flags or standards, the National Flag should be carried in front of the Centre of that line.

- (vi) *When used on a speaker's platform, the National Flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker.*

When displayed from a staff in a Conference Hall, Office, etc., it should hold the position of superior prominence in front of the audience or visitor and in the position of honour at the right of the podium, head table, desk, etc.

- (vii) (a) *When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or vertically against a wall, the blue should always be on the flag's own right (i.e. to the observer's left).*

(b) *When it is displayed over the middle of a street, it should be suspended vertically with the blue to the North in a East to West Street or to the East in a North to South Street.*

(c) *When suspended across a corridor or lobby of a building it should be suspended vertically with the blue to the observer's left upon entering.*

- (viii) *When a flag is used to cover a coffin, it should be placed so that the blue is at the head.*

The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

- (ix) *No disrespect should be shown to the flag:*

- *It should never be displayed upside down.*

- *It should never touch anything beneath it such as the floor, water etc.*
 - *It should never be carried flat or horizontally but always aloft and free.*
 - *It should never be used as a wearing apparel, bedding or drapery without approval from MFA.*
 - *It should never be fastened, displayed, used or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way.*
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- *should not have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, work, figure, design, carrying or delivering anything.*

(x) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a discreet manner.