

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
The Union Flag Law
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 8/ 2010)
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Preamble

Since it is provided in section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that the State Peace and Development Council shall carry out necessary preparatory works to implement the Constitution, it has become necessary to enact the relevant laws to enable performance of the legislative, administrative and judicial functions of the Union smoothly, to enable performance of works that are to be carried out when the various Hluttaws come into existence and to enable performance of the preparatory works in accord with law.

As such, the State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts this Law in accord with section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to apply and maintain the Union Flag in a proper manner according to its prestige.

Chapter I

Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called **the Union Flag Law**.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meaning given hereunder:
 - (a) **Constitution** means the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
 - (b) **The Union Flag** means the flag provided in sub-section (a) of section 437 of the Constitution. This expression includes all materials which are applied as the Union flag made of or expressed on any material.

Chapter II

Model Size, Measurement and Colour of the Union Flag

3. The model size, measurement and colour et cetera of the Union flag are as follows:

- (a) the model size of the Union flag is rectangular, with 9 feet in length and 6 feet in width;
 - (b) the background colours of the Union flag are yellow, green and red. The yellow, green and red colours shall each be equal to one-third of the 6 feet of the width of the Union flag. Therefore, each colour shall be 2 feet;
 - (c) (i) a large white star with five vertices shall be superimposed on the background of yellow, green and red colours;
 - (ii) the upper vertex of the large white star shall be at the mid-point of the length of the Union flag, that is the place at 4 feet and 6 inches and shall point directly upwards;
 - (iii) the distance from the top of the star to the boundary of the yellow colour of flag and the distance from the top of two lower vertices of the star in the red colour to the boundary of the red colour of the flag shall be one foot each;
 - (iv) the distance between each top of the vertex of the star shall be 2 feet and 7.2 inches equally;
 - (d) the model colours of the Union flag are as follows:
 - (i) the yellow colour is pantone 116 PC;
 - (ii) the green colour is pantone 361 PC;
 - (iii) the red colour is pantone 1788 PC;
 - (e) the model pattern of the Union flag is as mentioned in the Annexure.
4. The yellow, green and red colours included as background colours indicate the three coloured flag which was applied magnificently in the period of struggle for the independence of Myanmar.
5. The meanings of the colours of the Union flag and the white colour of the Star are as follows:
- (a) the yellow colour indicates the meaning of unity, conformity, huge wisdom, happiness and unity of all national races amicably;
 - (b) the green colour indicates the meaning of fertility, conformity, fairness and being a peaceful, pleasant, and greening nation.
 - (c) the red colour indicates the meaning of bravery and decisiveness.
 - (d) the white colour of the star indicates the meaning of purity, honesty, fullness of compassion and power.
6. In using the various sizes of the Union flag, it shall be consistent with the proportions and colours contained in the provision of section 3.

Chapter III

Hoisting the Union Flag

7. The Union flag shall be hoisted on office days and the days of special significance prescribed by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
8. The Union flag shall be hoisted in accord with the prescribed manner also on the days declared by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, from time to time.
9. The Union flag may be hoisted on the houses, governmental buildings, premises throughout the Union and on the various vehicles, such as cars, trains, ships and aeroplanes on the days prescribed and declared by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
10. The applying of the Union flag in the international meetings, ceremonies and hoisting of the Union flag on diplomatic premises and buildings of Myanmar abroad, exhibition halls and on the various vehicles such as cars, trains, ships, aeroplanes shall be as agreed with regional and international organizations.
11. The State flag shall always be held upright and proudly.
12. In applying the Union flag, only the kind of flag which is free from fading colour, broken stitches and torn cloth that may affect its glory shall be used.

Chapter IV

Prohibitions and Penalties

13. No one shall carry out any of the following in respect of the Union flag:
 - (a) writing, painting, fixing, printing or marking anything such as word, number, picture and symbol on the Union flag;
 - (b) (i) causing destruction of the colour, size, shape or proportion;
(ii) applying in places, regions, and purposes which have not been allowed;
(iii) applying disrespectfully;
 - (c) hoisting any flag of local organizations above or at the same level of the Union flag.
14. No one shall, in respect of hoisting, holding and applying the Union flag:
 - (a) hoist the Union flag at half-mast without the order of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
 - (b) cover with the Union flag at the opening ceremony of the stone sculpture, stone pillar and statue;
 - (c) cover the corpse with the Union flag except in burial by the State or military funeral;

- (d) bury the Union flag with the corpse in the State or military funeral. The Union flag shall not touch the ground of cemetery;
 - (e) touch the Union flag with ground, water, floor which are under the Union flag while hoisting and lowering or applying it;
 - (f) tear and destroy the Union flag, cause intentionally to affect the glory of the Union flag.
15. No one shall apply the Union flag:
- (a) to pack and tie to any object;
 - (b) as a flooring;
 - (c) as a trademark of any goods, painting in clothes, decoration except for performing on behalf of the Union or the entire nation.
16. Whoever violates any prohibitions contained in sections 13, 14 and 15 of this Law shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or with fine not exceeding three lakh kyats or with both.

Chapter V

Miscellaneous

17. This Law may be amended, inserted or repealed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, formed in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. This Law shall remain in force in so far as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not repealed it.
18. In implementing the provisions of this Law:
- (a) the State Peace and Development Council may issue the necessary rules;
 - (b) the relevant Ministry may issue necessary notifications, orders and directives.
19. The State Flag Law (The Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 1 of 1974) is hereby repealed.

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