

# **STIPULATIONS FOR THE DISPLAY AND USE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG AND NATIONAL EMBLEM AND THE REGIONAL FLAG AND REGIONAL EMBLEM**

(Made by the Chief Executive under  
section 3(2) of the National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance and  
section 3(1) of the Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance)

## 1. Display of the national flag and national emblem

The national flag and national emblem shall be displayed at the following locations and on the following days:-

- (a) locations where the national flag shall be displayed each day:-
  - (i) the official residences of the Chief Executive;
  - (ii) Government House;
  - (iii) all boundary control and check points of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and
  - (iv) Hong Kong International Airport.
- (b) locations where the national flag shall be displayed on each working day and on National Day (1 October), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day (1 July), and New Year's Day (1 January):-
  - (i) the office of the Chief Executive;
  - (ii) the Executive Council;
  - (iii) the Court of Final Appeal;
  - (iv) the High Court;
  - (v) the Legislative Council;
  - (vi) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government offices and organisations as specified in a circular issued by the Director of Administration; and
  - (vii) other organisations as specified in a circular issued by the Director of Administration.
- (c) location where the national emblem shall be displayed:-
  - (i) the office of the Chief Executive.

## 2. Display of the regional flag and regional emblem

The regional flag and regional emblem shall be displayed at the following locations and on the following days:-

- (a) locations where the regional flag shall be displayed each day:-
  - (i) the official residences of the Chief Executive;
  - (ii) Government House;
  - (iii) all boundary control and check points of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and
  - (iv) Hong Kong International Airport.

- (b) locations where the regional flag shall be displayed on each working day and on National Day (1 October), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day (1 July), and New Year's Day (1 January):-
  - (i) the office of the Chief Executive;
  - (ii) the Executive Council;
  - (iii) the Legislative Council;
  - (iv) the Central Government Offices;
  - (v) the law courts in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
  - (vi) Government vessels;
  - (vii) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government offices and organisations as specified in a circular issued by the Director of Administration; and
  - (viii) other organisations as specified in a circular issued by the Director of Administration.
- (c) locations where the regional emblem shall be displayed:-
  - (i) the official residences of the Chief Executive;
  - (ii) the Executive Council;
  - (iii) the Legislative Council;
  - (iv) the Central Government Offices;
  - (v) the law courts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
  - (vi) all boundary control and check points of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region;
  - (vii) Hong Kong International Airport; and
  - (viii) District Offices.

### 3. Flying the national flag and regional flag at the same time

- (1) The national flag, when displayed with the regional flag, shall be either at the centre, above the regional flag, or in a position of prominence.
- (2) When the national flag and regional flag are displayed at the same time or displayed side by side, the regional flag shall be smaller than the national flag, with the national flag on the right and the regional flag on the left.

(For the display of the national flag and regional flag inside a building, 'left' and 'right' sides of the backing wall are ascertained by reference to a person standing with his back to the wall and looking forward. For the display of the national flag and regional flag outside a building, 'left' and 'right' sides of the building are ascertained by reference to a person standing in front of the building and looking towards the front entrance of the building.)
- (3) The national flag, when raised and carried in a procession with the regional flag, shall be in front of the regional flag.

#### 4. Prohibition of use and application for use

A person shall not use the national flag, national emblem, regional flag or regional emblem or their designs in connection with any trade, calling or profession, or the logo, seal or badge of any non-governmental organisation, except with the prior approval of the Deputy Director of Administration or where the proposed use relates to the business of the Government Secretariat and conforms to the guidelines issued by the Director of Administration, the prior approval from a directorate officer of D2 level or above in the Office/Bureau involved is obtained. In case of an appeal against the decision on application, the Director of Administration is the appeal authority.