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Foreword

This Mauritian Standard was drawn up in 2011 by the Textile, Paper and Footwear Standards Committee of the Mauritius Standards Bureau through its Subcommittee on National flag. It was approved by the Standards Council on 02 February 2011 and was notified in the Government Gazette on 26 February 2011*.

In preparing this standard, assistance was made to the following:

Flag code of India, 2002

United States Flag code

United kingdom flag code

Mauritius Police force: Flag code

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The Flag Code of Mauritius

Introduction

Every citizen has a fundamental duty to respect the National Flag and pay due respect to this solemn symbol of the nation. The National Flag of Mauritius was first hoisted on 12 March 1968. The Union Jack was lowered and the Quadricolor was hoisted at noon at Champ de Mars, Port Louis. The flag is a symbol of a free nation and a free country.

1 Scope

This code of practice lays down the recommendations for correct display and restrictions in the use of the National Flag *.

2 Normative references

Flag code of India

United States Flag Code

United Kingdom Flag Code

Mauritius Police force: Flag code

3 Quadricolour and its significance

The National Flag consists of four equal horizontal stripes coloured in red, blue, yellow and green with the following symbolic meanings:

Red	Represents the struggle for freedom and Independence
Blue	Represents the Indian Ocean in the middle of which Mauritius is situated
Yellow	Represents the light of Independence shining over the island
Green	Represents the Agriculture of Mauritius and its colour throughout the twelve months of the year

* National Flag is referred to as the flag throughout the document

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