

616.5.2 Flying of Canadian Red Ensign on Automobiles at Posts Abroad

The flying of a miniature Canadian Red Ensign on automobiles at Canadian missions abroad is normally restricted to the automobile of the titular Head of Mission, provided he is present in the car. Members of Canadian Missions abroad other than the Head of Mission may not fly this flag on automobiles, except where it is the practice to do so in the country in which the mission is located. The Head of Mission may, however, permit the flying of a miniature flag on automobiles if he considers that such action will ensure the safety of the members of his staff.

616.6 GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF FLAGS

616.6.1 When two or more flags are flown together, the place of honour is on the left as seen by the spectators; if two flags are crossed, the flag being honoured should have its staff over that of the other. When flags of several countries are flown, they may be arranged according to the alphabetical order of the names of the countries.

616.6.2 In processions, the position of honour is at the marching right. If several flags are being carried abreast, the honoured flag may be carried in front of the centre of the line. If a flag is hung on a wall rather than from a pole, it should be arranged as though the flag pole were on the left as seen by spectators.

616.6.3 When a flag is hoisted or lowered on ceremonial occasions, it is customary for all present to stand at attention facing the flag. Men in civilian dress remove their hats. Those in uniform salute. When unfurled colours pass in procession, men may doff their hats.

616.6.4 When a flag is used to drape a coffin, the portion of the flag normally at the top next to the flag pole should be placed at the head of the coffin over the left shoulder of the deceased. The flag should be secured at the four corners. In Canadian army military funerals, the flag is removed from the coffin at the place of burial, but is not presented to the bereaved family as is the custom in some countries.

616.6.5 There is no special ceremony observed in Canada for destroying old flags. When they have become unserviceable, they are burned.