

616.4

FLYING OF THE UNITED NATIONS FLAG

616.4.1

The United Nations flag is flown on suitable occasions in Ottawa. On United Nations Day, the United Nations flag and the Canadian Red Ensign are flown on the two masts flanking the Centre Block on Parliament Hill, both flags being of the same size and at the same level, The Canadian Red Ensign having precedence at the western staff.

616.4.2

The United Nations flag is also flown, subject to prior approval in each case, at the time of official visits to Ottawa of the Secretary-General or his representative, or to celebrate notable United Nations events.

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When the Secretary-General visits Ottawa semi-officially, the United Nations flag alone or with the Canadian Red Ensign may be flown from the building which the Secretary-General occupies.

616.5

FLYING OF CANADIAN RED ENSIGN AT CANADIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

616.5.1

At the Chancery or Consulate and at the Official Residence

Abroad, the Heads of Canadian posts are expected to comply with local custom, regulations or requirements on the flying of the flags. If it is usual, they may fly the Canadian Red Ensign every day. Otherwise, they are advised to hoist the flag at the Chancery or Consulate and at the official residence on the following occasions, from sunrise to sunset:

(a) At the mast head

- (i) The day proclaimed for the official celebration in Canada of the Queen's birthday.
- (ii) July 1
- (iii) National and local holidays of the country in which the post is situated.
- (iv) If the post is situated at a port, during the stay in port of one of her Majesty's Canadian ships.
- (v) As a courtesy on the national holidays of other countries represented in the same city, in accordance with local customs.

(b) At half mast

- (i) On the death of the Sovereign, when it remains at half mast until after the funeral, except for the day of proclamation of the new Sovereign.
- (ii) On the death of a member of the Royal Family, or of the Governor General or of the Prime Minister.
- (iii) On the death of the Head of a foreign state with which Canada has diplomatic relations.
- (iv) On the death of the Head of any other foreign state whose government is recognized by Canada. At the discretion of the Head of post, the flag may be flown at half mast on the day of the funeral.
- (v) On the death or funeral of a local dignitary or of a dignitary or representative of another country represented at the capital, as signified by the Chief of Protocol or Dean of the Diplomatic Corps there.