

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MANUAL OF REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

October 5, 1955

THE FLAG

616.1

The Red Ensign with the Coat-of-Arms of Canada in fly was declared, in Order-in-Council P.C.5888 of September 5, 1945, to be the appropriate flag to fly within and without Canada whenever place or occasion may make it desirable to fly a distinctive Canadian flag.

616.2

FLYING OF THE CANADIAN RED ENSIGN IN CANADA

616.2.1

The Canadian Red Ensign is flown from sunrise to sunset on the following occasions:

616.2.1.1

From the Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa

(a) At the mast head

- (i) Each day Parliament is in session
- (ii) New Year's Day
- (iii) Victoria Day
- (iv) Queen's Birthday
- (v) July 1
- (vi) Labour Day
- (vii) Thanksgiving Day
- (viii) Remembrance Day

(b) At half mast

On the death of the Sovereign, the Governor General, a Lieutenant Governor, a Minister of the Federal Cabinet, a Privy Councillor, a Senator, a Member of Parliament and, subject to special instructions on the death of a member of the Royal Family or of the Head of a foreign state.

- (c) The Canadian Red Ensign is flown at full mast on the Parliament Buildings on national holidays notwithstanding any other event except the death of the Sovereign.

616.2.1.2

From other Government buildings

(a) At the mast head

- (i) Every day, including Sunday

(b) At half mast

- (i) Throughout Canada, on the death of the Sovereign, Governor General, or a Cabinet Minister.
- (ii) Within his own province, on the death of a Lieutenant Governor.
- (iii) Within his own riding, on the death of a Member of the Federal Parliament or a provincial legislature.
- (iv) At his place of residence, on the death of a Senator, Privy Councillor or Mayor.

616.3

FLYING OF FOREIGN FLAGS IN CANADA

Flags of other nations may be flown in Canada; if this is done elsewhere than at a diplomatic mission or consulate, the Canadian Red Ensign of the same size should be flown as well from a separate flag staff and at the same height. The Canadian Red Ensign should be given the place of honour.