

GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR

No. 44/60

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Regulations for the Flying of Flags on Government Flagstaffs From 8 a.m. till Sunset

The following instructions are issued for the information and attention of all officers in charge of Public Buildings and Government Flagstaffs.

- (1) The Union Flag will be flown on the flagstaff at Government House whenever His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor is in residence at Government House.
- (2) When His Excellency is afloat within Manx territorial waters, or is arriving or departing from a Manx Airport, the prescribed flag authorised for the purpose should be worn by the vessel or aircraft in which he is embarked.
- (3) The Union Flag will be flown on all Government Flagstaffs on the following dates :—

6th February	.. Her Majesty's Accession.
31st March	.. Birthday of the Duke of Gloucester.
21st April	.. Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen.
25th April	.. Birthday of the Princess Royal.
24th May	.. Commonwealth Day.
2nd June	.. Coronation Day.
10th June	.. Birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh.
4th August	.. Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.
15th August	.. Birthday of the Princess Anne.
21st August	.. Birthday of Princess Margaret.
November	.. Remembrance Day, (i.e. the second Sunday in November)
14th November	Birthday of the Prince of Wales.
20th November	Her Majesty's Wedding Day.

ALSO : Any day appointed for the official Celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday.

- (4) The Union Flag will be flown at half-mast from all Government Flagstaffs on the following occasions :—
 - (a) From the announcement of the death up to the funeral of the Sovereign, except on Proclamation Day, when they are hoisted right up from 8 a.m. to sunset.
 - (b) The funerals of members of the Royal family, subject to special instructions from Government Office in each case.

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- (c) The funerals of Foreign Rulers, subject to special instructions from Government Office in each case.
 - (d) The funerals of Prime Ministers and ex-Prime Ministers of Great Britain.
 - (e) Other occasions on instructions from Government Office.
- (5) When days for flying flags coincide with days for flying flags at half-mast, the flag is to be flown—
- (a) although a member of the Royal Family, or a near relative of the Royal Family, may be lying dead, unless special instructions be received from Government Office to the contrary;
 - (b) although it may be the day of the funeral of a Foreign Ruler.
- (6) The Manx Flag will be flown from Government Flagstaffs, excepting that at Government House, on the following occasions :—
- (a) On Tynwald Day (July 5th, or when that day is a Sunday, July 6th or when it is a Saturday, July 7th)
 - (b) On every day between 1st May and 30th September each year (the dates specified in (3) excepted).
 - (c) From Government Office on each occasion when Tynwald is sitting.
 - (d) From the Court Houses at Douglas, Castletown, Ramsey, Peel and Kirk Michael on each occasion when the High Court is being held at these places.
 - (e) Upon occasions of local mourning, on special instructions from Government Office, when it will be flown at half-mast.
- (7) The Manx Flag, as described in "Flags of All Nations," issued by the Admiralty, consists of the Three Legs armoured and spurred, in the centre of a red field. The Three Legs are steel coloured except at the knees and in the centre which are coloured yellow as well as the spurs. This flag may be flown on shore by Local Authorities, Public Institutions and private individuals at any time. It may also be flown from Manx ships in addition to the undefaced British ensign as required by the Merchant Shipping Act.

Samples of the flag, which is manufactured by Messrs. Silver and Edgington Ltd., King William House, Eastcheap, London, E.C.3., may be seen at Government Office. The public may obtain supplies through local Manx firms which deal in flags.

Government Circular No. 146/52, of 14th August, 1952, is hereby cancelled.

By Order.

E. R. St. A. DAVIES,

Government Secretary

Government Office.

Isle of Man

5th August, 1960.