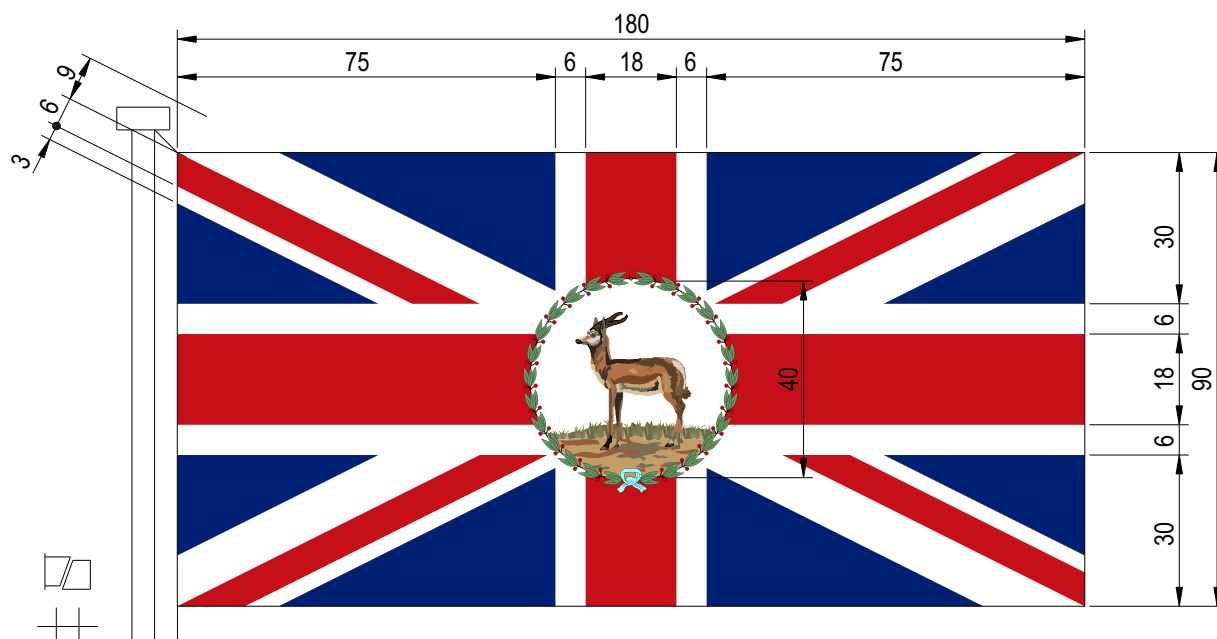


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

Orange River Colony

Governor 1902 - 1910



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	Resident Commissioner's flag	Red	186c	0	91	76	6
Ratio:	1 : 2	Royal Blue	280c	100	72	0	18.5
Adopted:	10 May 1904						
Abolished:	30 May 1910						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

The Republic of the Orange Free State (see SV - ZA - OVS - 01.1 - 1) came to an end with the signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging on 31 May 1902 which marked the end of the Anglo-Boer War. In its place the British authorities, who now controlled the whole of what was to become South Africa, created the Orange River Colony (see SV - ZA - OVC - 01.1 - 1) and the British Union Jack became the official flag of the colony.

Following in the British colonial pattern, a flag for the Orange River Colony was approved following the Grant of Arms to the Colony on 10 December 1904.

The initial rendering of the Springbok did not meet with approval at first. Research by the British vexillologist David Prothero discovered the following:

Notes from the Public Records Office (Kew): Regarding draft of Seal of the Orange River Colony (on which the flag badge was based) - A distinctive stripe does not appear on the flank of the springbok and in view of the importance attached in the Colony to correct representation the animal I am to request that the picture of it in Mr G. Millais' book "A Breath from the Veldt" may be closely followed.

Sources: *The Union Jack over Southern and Central Africa 1795-1994*, by FG Brownell, *SAVA Journal* 3/94; Research by David Prothero.

