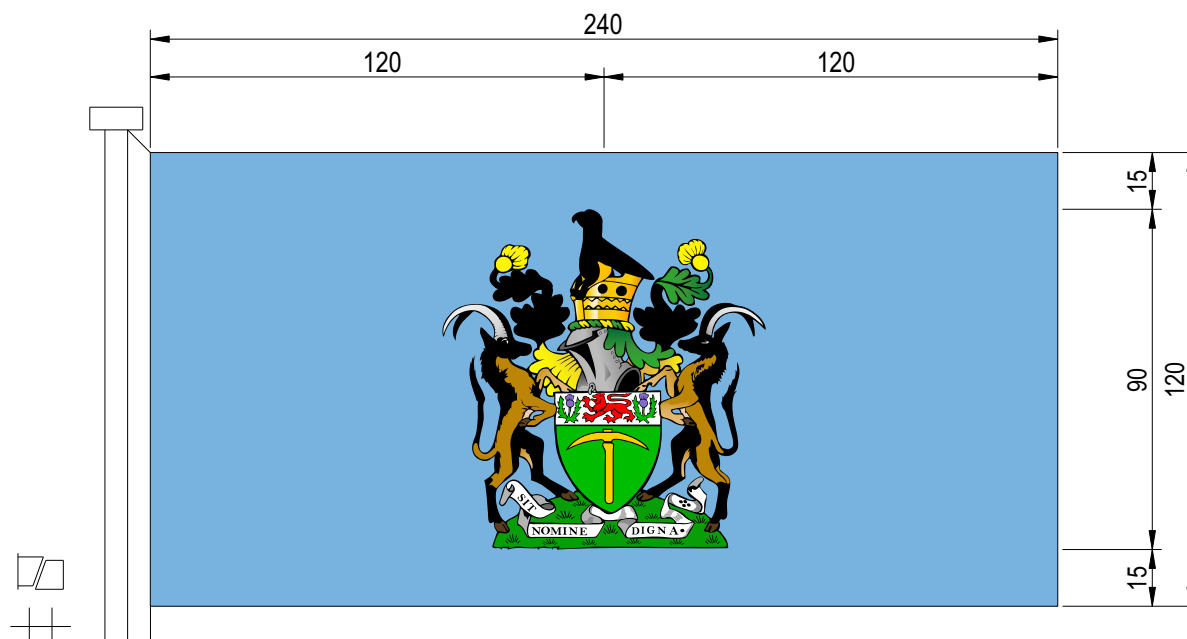


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET



Rhodesia

Presidential flag 1970 - 1979



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	Presidential flag	Air Force Blue	292c	60	40	0	0
Ratio:	1 : 2						
Adopted:	02 Mar 1970						
Abolished:	01 Jun 1979						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

The flag and car flag used by the President of Rhodesia from 1970 to 1979 had a light blue field with the Rhodesian coat of arms in the centre.

The flag was adopted following Rhodesia's declaration as a republic. Even following Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain in 1965, Rhodesians maintained that they were loyal to the British Crown and continued to use the Royal designations and the Queen's Crown on military badges. The units of the Rhodesian army also continued to use their Queen's Colours.

On the third anniversary of its Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1968, Rhodesia adopted a new flag (see SV - ZW - 01.5 - 1) which did not include the British Union Flag as a national emblem.

Rhodesia declared itself a republic on 02 March 1970, and the royal symbols such as crowns were generally replaced by the lion and tusk emblem from the British South Africa Company era (see SV - ZW - 01.1 - 1).

The flag was no longer used when the country became Zimbabwe-Rhodesia on 02 June 1979 and a new national flag was adopted (see SV - ZW - 01.6 - 1).

Source: "Flags and symbols of Rhodesia 1890 - 1980" SJ:5 by Richard Allport (1996).

