

## Annex B – Key Changes in the Regulations

National Symbol	Original regulation under SAFNA Rules	Changes under National Symbols Regulations
<b>National Flag</b>	<b>National Flag display</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Flag can be displayed outside buildings year-round if it is displayed from a flagpole with night illumination.</li> <li>During July to September each year (the National Day period), the National Flag can be displayed outside without flagpoles or night illumination.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minister is authorised to allow display of the National Flag outside without a flagpole or night illumination at any time beyond the period from July to September.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Flag cannot be displayed or carried flat or horizontally.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This regulation will be removed.</li> </ul>
	<b>Prohibition of graphics or words on National Flag</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person must not produce or display a flag that bears any graphics or word superimposed on the design of the National Flag, excepting flags produced by Government (e.g. military service crests)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person must not produce or display a flag where elements of the National Flag are distorted or modified, including superimposition of graphics or words.</li> </ul>
	<b>National Flag use for commercial purpose</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the National Flag (and its image) for commercial purpose is prohibited unless permission is given by Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the National Day period, use of the National Flag (and its image) for commercial purpose will not require Minister's approval as long as the use does not give rise to disrespect of the National Flag.</li> </ul>
	<b>National Flag use for decoration</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the National Flag (and its image) for any decoration, furnishing, covering, or receptacles is not allowed unless permission is given by Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the National Day period, use of the National Flag (and its image) on decoration will not require Minister's approval as long as the use does not give rise to disrespect of the National Flag.</li> </ul>
	<b>National Flag use on attire</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the National Flag (and its image) on attire is not allowed unless permission is given by Minister.</li> <li>During the National Day period, use of the National Flag (and its</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the National Flag (and its image) on attire will be allowed throughout the year without requiring Minister's approval, provided such use is non-commercial and respectful.</li> </ul>	

	image) on attire does not require Minister's approval as long as the use does not give rise to disrespect of the National Flag.	
<b>National Anthem</b>	<b>National Anthem performance and reproduction</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing and performing the National Anthem is subject to regulations requiring that the Anthem be sung in full and not in any translation of the National Anthem.</li> <li>• Rearrangements of the National Anthem are subject to regulations requiring the full tune and lyrics to be used and prohibiting incorporation of the National Anthem into medleys.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person must not make a musical record that includes a rearrangement of the National Anthem that contravenes the regulations.</li> </ul>
	<b>Commercial use of National Anthem use</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No regulation of commercial use of the National Anthem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the National Anthem commercially will require permission from the Minister.</li> </ul>
<b>National Pledge</b>	<b>National Pledge taking</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No regulations on the National Pledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the National Pledge is taken, it must always be recited in full.</li> </ul>
	<b>Commercial use of the National Pledge</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No regulations on the National Pledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the National Pledge for commercial purposes is not allowed unless permission is given by the Minister.</li> </ul>
<b>State Crest</b>	<b>Restricted use of State Crest</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No person shall print, publish, manufacture, sell, offer for sale or exhibit for sale; or send, distribute or deliver to, or serve on, any other person; any writing, material or object with the State Crest or anything that so nearly resembles the State Crest as to be capable of being mistaken for the State Crest.</li> <li>• Exceptions are made for use by Government Departments and use permitted by Minister.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person must not knowingly make or deal in a copy of the State Crest; or cause a copy of the State Crest to be made or dealt in.</li> <li>• This prohibition does not apply to anything done by a Government department; with the approval of the Minister; for the purposes of reporting news; or anything done incidentally to an act that is otherwise lawful and without causing disrespect to the State Crest.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No existing prohibition on distorted or modified reproduction of the State Crest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person must not knowingly make, use or display a distorted reproduction of the State Crest.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Seal</b>	<b>Regulations on Public Seal</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No existing regulations for the public seal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public seal may only be affixed by or with the authority of the President; or as required or permitted by law.</li> </ul>

<b>Other Changes</b>		
<b>Regulations on Presidential Symbols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No existing regulations for the Presidential Symbols.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Presidential Standard may only be flown, displayed or otherwise used by or with the authority of the President.</li> <li>The seal of the President may only be affixed by or with the authority of the President.</li> <li>A person must not knowingly make or deal in a copy of the Presidential Coat of Arms; or cause a copy of the Presidential Coat of Arms to be made or dealt in. A person must not knowingly make, use or display a distorted reproduction of the Presidential Coat of Arms.</li> </ul>
<b>Regulations and Stop orders on disrespectful use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No person shall treat the National Flag with disrespect.</li> <li>Under the SAFNA Rules, a person commits an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse, treats the National Flag with disrespect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the Regulations, a person commits an offence if the person knowingly does an act in relation to the National Flag and the act is disrespectful to the National Flag. There is no requirement to prove that the person knew or intended that disrespect would be caused to the National Flag.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No existing stop order provision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new stop order power will be instituted for disrespectful use of the National Flag, including images of the National Flag, and distorted or modified but still recognisable elements of the National Flag. Failure to comply with a stop order will constitute an offence.</li> </ul>