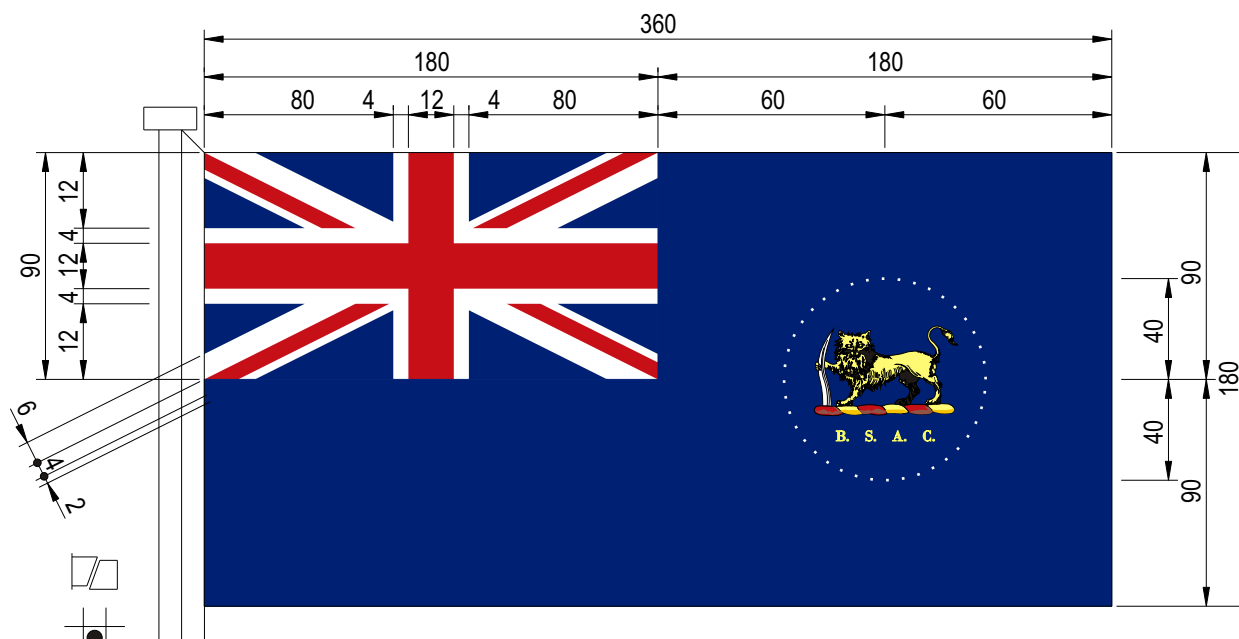


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

British South Africa Company

Colonial blue ensign 1902 - 1923



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	Colonial blue ensign	Red	186c	0	91	76	6
Ratio:	1 : 2	Royal Blue	280c	100	72	0	18.5
Adopted:	11 Nov 1902						
Abolished:	30 Sep 1923						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

According to a letter of 11 November 1902 the defaced ensigns were authorised for boats and vessels belonging to the BSA Company operated on the lakes and waterways of North Eastern Rhodesia; the Blue Ensign for company vessels not being trading vessels, and the Red Ensign for trading vessels. The defaced Union Jack was for the Administrator when embarked on vessels belonging to the Company. The lettering BSAC was in black when used on the blue ensign.

Since none of these company ensigns have yet to be found in any museums in Central Africa, or elsewhere, and no record exists of their actual usage, it is doubtful whether they were in fact used at all.

Source: *Public Record Office ADM 116/1063D*, reported by David Prothero

"*The Flags of the British South Africa Company, 1890-1923*" by Bruce Berry (ICV Lecture, 1993)