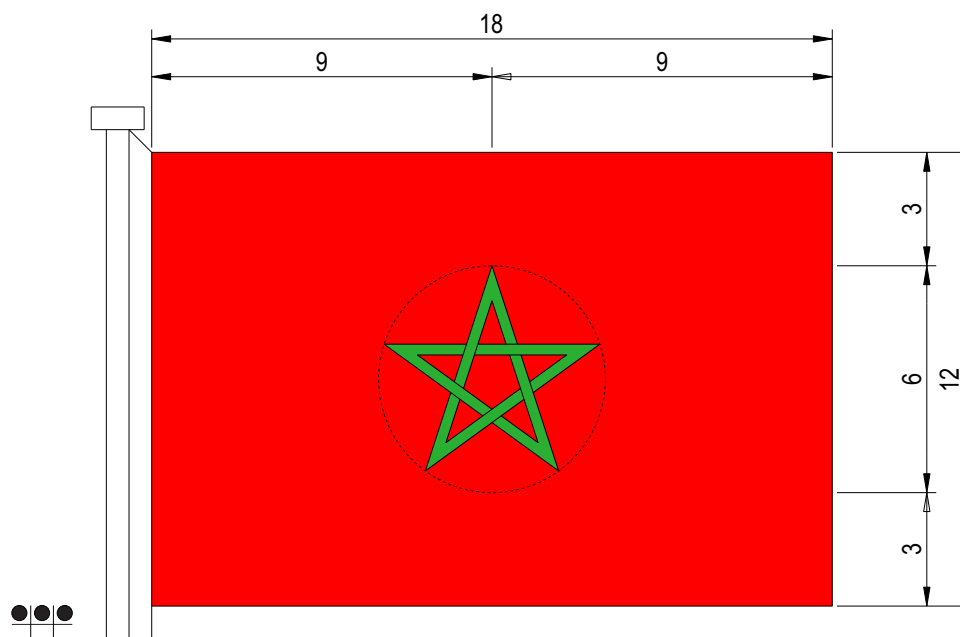


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

Morocco

National flag



DATA		COLOUR RECOMMENDATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National Flag	Red	186c	0	90	80	5
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	361c	70	0	90	0
Adopted:	00 000 2005						
Abolished:	In use						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

Despite *Album des Pavillons'* illustration (corr no. 6) showing the star at one third of the flag width, it would appear that Morocco has amended the specifications of its national flag.

Article 4 [of the *Protection of the National Symbols Act 2005*] prescribes the characteristics of the flag;

“The flag shall be red with a green five-pointed star in the middle. It shall be made with a piece of fast ("grand teint") fabric, bright red, opaque and rectangular in shape. The star shall be voided ("ouverte"), of green palm-tree colour, made of five continuous branches and woven in the fabric used for the flag [i.e. not woven separately and sewn onto the flag]. The star must be visible on both sides of the flag. One of its point must point upwards. The overall ratio of the flag shall be 2:3. The star is inscribed in an invisible circle whose radius equals 1/6th of the flag length and whose centre is the intersection point of the invisible diagonals of the flag. The width of each branch of the star shall be 1/20th of its length”.

It should be noted that the stars on the Civil and Naval ensigns (at least since 2000) were this size, and the national flag would appear from the decree above, to have followed suit only in 2005.

Sources: Flags of the World (FOTW) web site (www.flagspot.net)