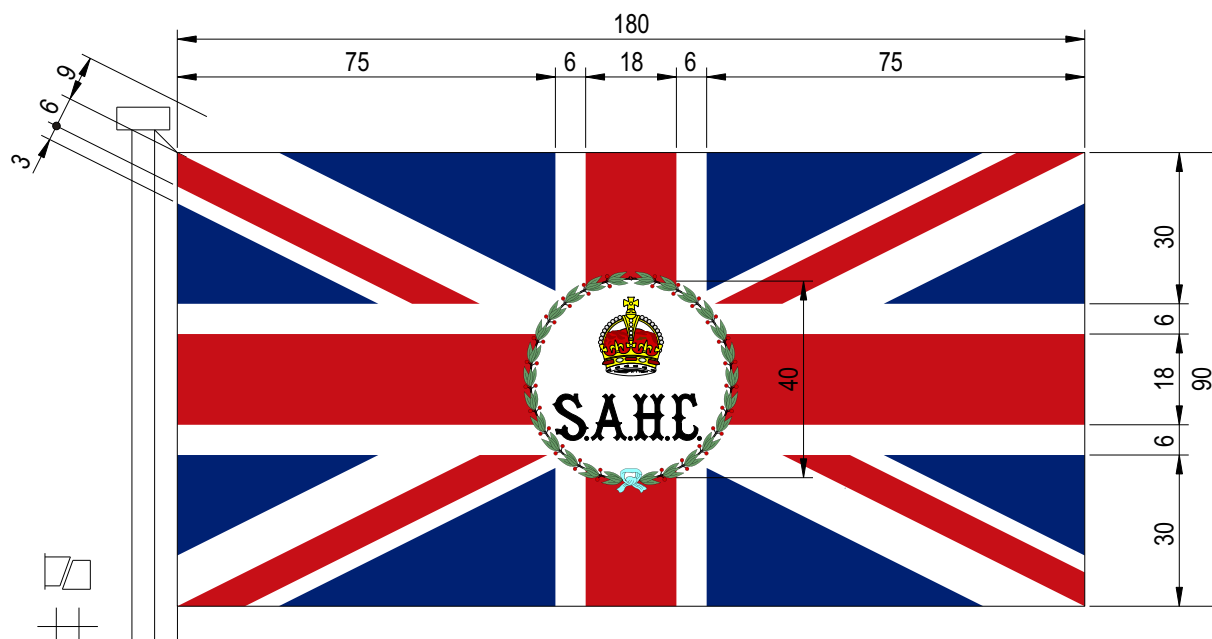


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

South Africa

High Commissioner 1907 - 1931



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	High Commissioner's flag	Red	186c	0	91	76	6
Ratio:	1 : 2	Royal Blue	280c	100	72	0	18.5
Adopted:	00 000 1907						
Abolished:	00 000 1931						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

The Office of the High Commissioner in and for South Africa was created by Letters Patent in 1878. The High Commissioner was charged with the conduct of British relations with the South African Republic (Transvaal) and the Orange Free State, as well as those with the "native states and tribes" outside of the colonies of the Cape and Natal. The High Commissioner was also Governor of Basutoland and supervised the affairs of the Bechuanaland and Swaziland.

The flag flown by the High Commissioner was as British Union Flag charged in the centre, on a white roundel, with the Imperial Crown above which were the letters S.A.H.C. in black, all within a green garland of laurel. The flag was used between 1907 and 1928.

Source: "The Union Jack over Southern and Central Africa, 1795-1994, (SAVA Journal 3/94) by FG Brownell

