

# SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

## South Africa

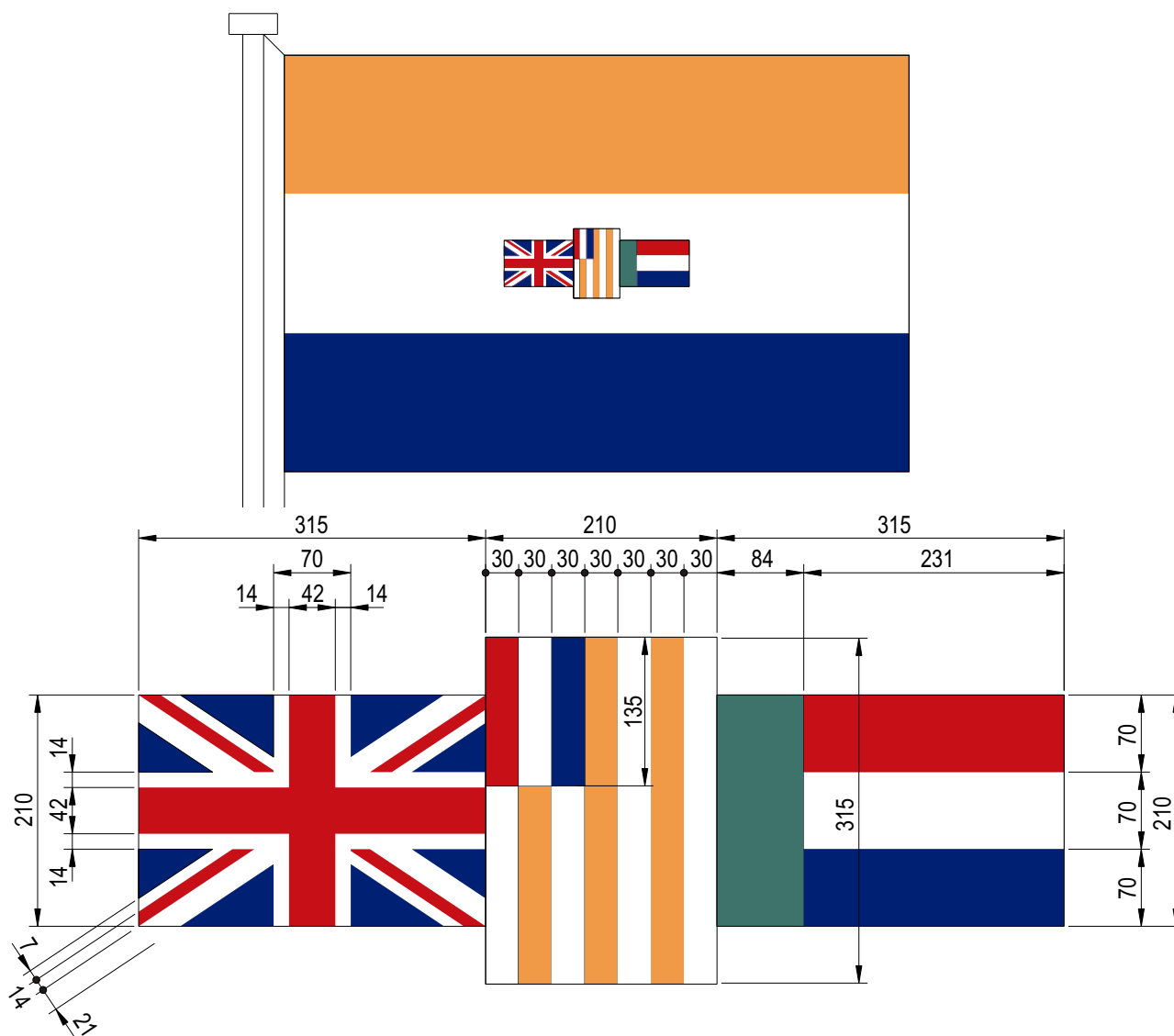
National flag 1928 - 1994



### HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM (CONTD.)

Until 1951 this flag was only flown on land and until 1957, it was always flown on public buildings jointly with the (British) Union Flag. No changes were made to the flag when South Africa withdrew from the British Commonwealth of Nations and became a Republic on 31 May 1961.

Regarding the shade of blue on the flag, the blue stripe was originally described as being "solway" blue but over the years, as can be expected given that South African flags originally came from the UK, the blue stripe changed to the darker "Union Jack Blue". This prompted a return to the lighter "solway blue" shade following a Government investigation into the matter in 1982. The Solway blue version is shown on SV - ZA - 01.3 - 1 and the version with Union Jack blue is illustrated below on this sheet.



### Sources:

"The South African flag book" by AP Burgers (2008)

"Flags of The World" website ([www.flagspot.net](http://www.flagspot.net))

"Flags through the ages and across the World" by Whitney Smith (1975)