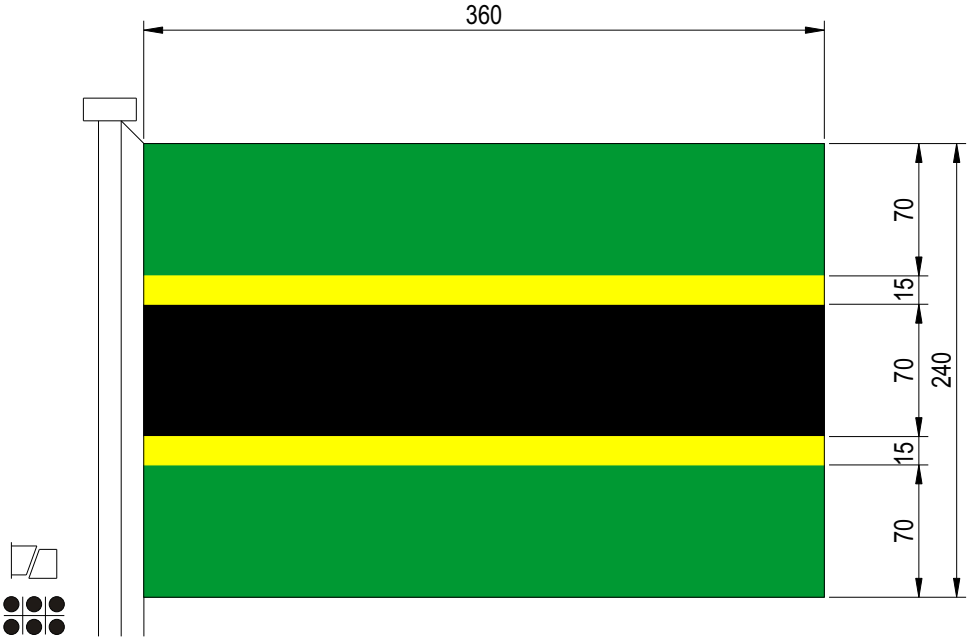
SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

Tanganyika

National flag 1961 - 1964



DATA		COLOUR RECOMMENDATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National flag and ensign	Yellow	116c	0	10	90	0
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	361c	75	0	90	0
Adopted:	01 May 1961						
Abolished:	30 Jun 1964						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

On 09 December 1961 Tanganyika became independent from Britain and adopted a new national flag, the details of which were released by its information service on 08 July 1961. The design consisted of three horizontal stripes of alternate bright green, black and bright green, all of equal width and length. This combination had been used for a long time by the country's chief political party TANU, whose leader Julius Nyerere, became the new prime minister. Added to the party flag are two smaller stripe of gold, each of these stripes being 1/16 of the flag width. Green represents land, black is for the people, and gold represents the country's mineral resources.

The new design replaced the Tanganyika ensign with the badge showing the giraffe head (see SV-TZ-01.1-1 and SV-TZ-03.1-1) and was abolished with the formation of the United Republic of Tanzania following the merger with Zanzibar (see SV-TZ-01.0-1).

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