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# STANDARDS ON THE KENYAN FLAG

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## What is a standard?

A standard is a document, established by consensus and approved by a recognized body that provides for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities of their results, aimed at the achievement of the optimum degree of order in a given context. Standards are based on the consolidated results of science, technology and experience, and aimed at the promotion of optimum community benefits. They serve as guides for the production of goods, the provision of services and provide the basis for trade transactions.

## Newly Gazzetted Standards on the Kenyan Flag include;

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| KS 542-1:1990 | Kenya Standard - Specification for the National flag of Kenya<br>Part 1: Cotton, man made fibers and blends |
| KS 542-2:1990 | Kenya Standard - Specification for the National flag of Kenya<br>Part 2: Wool / Synthetic Blends            |

The flag of Kenya is a tricolour of black, red, and green with two white edges imposed with a red, white and black Maasai shield and two crossed spears and was officially adopted on 12 December 1963 after Kenya's independence.



## The Standards generally give specifications as follows;

- Colourfastness properties
- Physical properties like breaking strength
- Fabric and weave density of the flag
- Fibre composition and proportion
- Size of the flag and general construction
- Labelling requirements

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- Sampling/ testing.
- Issuance of permit to use Mark.



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