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Dear Customers

Please find attached a link to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage for information on flying the New Zealand Flag today.

Times of Mourning

Flags are flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning.



Flag at half mast

The flag is half-masted by first raising it to the top of the mast and then immediately lowering it slowly to the half-mast position. The half-mast position will depend on the size of the flag and the length of the flagpole. The flag must be lowered to a position recognisably half-mast to avoid the appearance of a flag which has accidentally fallen away from the top of the flagpole. The flag should always be more than its own depth from the top of the flagpole.

On occasions when the New Zealand Flag is flown at half-mast, it is preferable that other flags should not be flown above it. The Flag should be raised again to the peak before being lowered for the day.

Flags on government buildings should be flown at half-mast when directed by the Chief Executive of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage.

For both government and public buildings, flags should be flown at half-mast during times of mourning for the following people and according to the following procedures:

The Sovereign

- From the announcement of death up to and including the day of the funeral (except on Proclamation Day, the day when the new sovereign is announced officially, when flags are to be flown from the top of the mast).

The Governor-General, former Governors-General, the Prime Minister, and former Prime Ministers.

- On the announcement of death and the day of the funeral

Members of The Royal Family

- On the day of the funeral subject to special command from The Queen or the Governor-General.

Commonwealth Governors-General, Commonwealth Prime Ministers in office, Foreign and Commonwealth Heads of State

- On the day of the funeral only.

When local authorities wish to fly their local authority flag at half-mast, as a sign of mourning following the death of a prominent local citizen, it is appropriate to do so on either the day or part of the day of the funeral. The same etiquette applies to the house flag of a company or organisation. In these cases the New Zealand Flag should remain at full mast.

<http://www.mch.govt.nz/nzflag/flying.html>

Please click on the above link for more information on the New Zealand Flag etiquette.

Thank you

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