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Display of Maltese Flag and EU Flag on Public Buildings

Further to OPM Circular 9/2004 dated 4 March 2004 regarding the EU accession celebrations, the following instructions shall apply to the display of the national flag and the EU flag on public buildings as from 16 April 2004 to the end of the month and from 1 May 2004 onwards, following Malta's accession to the European Union.

General rule

The Maltese flag should be flown on its own on the outside of public buildings, except as otherwise indicated below at the official points of entry into Malta. Internally, the Maltese flag and the EU flag should be displayed together in locations where the Maltese flag is currently displayed.

Ministries and Departments

Ministries and Departments should ensure that the Maltese flag and the EU flag are displayed together in the entrance hall or a main corridor. Both flags should also appear in the offices of Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, Permanent Secretaries, the Commissioner of Police and the Commander, AFM. If the Maltese flag is displayed in the offices of other Heads of Department, the EU flag should accordingly also appear.

Ad hoc rules on similar lines but with some variations, which shall apply in respect of the Office of the Presidency, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Investment Promotion and Malta's Missions abroad, shall be communicated to those offices directly.

Airport and harbours

Both the Maltese and EU flags should be flown externally at the Airport and Freeport and at Customs offices in other harbours. Both flags should also be displayed inside wherever the Maltese flag is currently displayed.

Protocol for the display of flags

The display of flags should follow the applicable rules of protocol, which are available on the DOI website at <http://www.doi.gov/EN/state/symbols.asp>. In particular, flags should be flown on separate flagpoles and no other flag should appear above or to the right of the national flag or be otherwise placed in a position of superior prominence.

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