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An Act to control the display of national emblems.

[13 May 1965]

Short title

1. This Act is the National Emblems (Control of Display) Act 1949.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“national emblem” means any flag, banner or other emblem being or purporting to be the flag, banner or other emblem of any state, or the flag, banner or other emblem of any political organisation claiming to be a national movement in any state or any likeness or resemblance however reproduced of any national leader or former national leader of any state or the leader or former leader of any such political organisation;

“premises” means any land, building, vessel, vehicle or place whatsoever;

“school” means any premises or any part of any premises where persons are habitually taught whether in one or more classes;

“state” means any state or country, other than Singapore, and includes any dependency, possession or part of any state.

Display of national emblems in public or at schools prohibited

3.—(1) No person shall display in public or at or within any school any national emblem.

(2) For the purposes of this section, an emblem shall be deemed to be displayed in public if it is displayed in any road, street, bridge, passage, footway or place over which the public or any class of the public has a right of way or to which the public has access, whether on payment or otherwise, or if it is displayed in such manner as to be visible from any such road, street, bridge, passage, footway or place by any member of the public using the same or being therein.

Exceptions

4. Nothing in section 3 shall apply to —

(a) the display of any national emblem of the state of which he is a national by any of the following persons:

- (i) any person duly accredited as a diplomatic representative of a foreign power or as a consular representative of a foreign power to Singapore to whom an exequatur or provisional or other authorisation has been granted by the Government;
- (ii) any person in the service of a Commonwealth Government or the government of any British dependency or possession or of the Republic of Ireland and officially recognised as representing that government in Singapore;
- (iii) any person upon whom the immunities and privileges referred to in Part 2 or Part 3 of the Second Schedule to the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act 1948 have been conferred under that Act; or