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Land van Cuijk

The new municipality of Land van Cuijk was formed on January 1st 2022 from the municipalities of Boxmeer, Cuijk, Sint Anthonis, Mill and Sint Hubert and Grave. The new municipal flag is based on the coats of arms of Grave and Cuijk.

India

In 2022, India adopted a new naval ensign with a blue octagon with anchor and national emblem in the fly of the flag.

Penza

The Russian *oblast* (province) of Penza adopted a new flag on June 1st, 2022. The head of Jesus on the old flag was replaced by a shield with corn sheaves for the main activity in Penza.

Seborga

Seborga is a town in the extreme southwest of northern Italy. In 1079 it became a principality. The principality has never been officially dissolved. In 1995, Seborga declared its independence and elected a prince as head of the state. Seborga has its own coin and flag, the latter with coat of arms and crown and 18 blue and white stripes.

United Nations

In 2020 the light blue colour of the UN flag was changed from pantone 279C to the slightly lighter pantone 2925C. The reason for the change was that the flag was often flown in navy blue (pantone 540C).

Kharkov

After the conquest of the Ukrainian Kharkov *oblast* (province) by Russia the Russian-minded temporary administration adopted a flag consisting of the colours of the Russian flag with the white stripe changed to crimson, the colour of the old flag of Kharkov. In the middle is the two-headed eagle with Kharkov's coat of arms.

Tunisia

Tunisia has adopted a new constitution. Article 8 describes the national flag. According to that description, it is not clear whether, in addition to the star, the crescent moon is also in the white circle. The difficulty lies in the description of the flag in Arabic.

Mauritius

Mauritius has brought together all the national symbols in one law, which also regulates their use. The new law has no consequences for the appearance of the flag.

Twisted tradition

Blue-white-red, country in distress. The farmers' protests in the Netherlands are directed against the government's nitrogen policy by hanging the national flag in reverse. An inverted flag to indicate a certain situation is very old. In shipping it meant "man overboard". In America it meant "ship in distress". The article gives many examples of this.

King hands out banner inscriptions to the armed forces

On the Dutch Veterans Day in 2022, King Willem-Alexander handed out banner inscriptions to eighteen units of the Dutch armed forces for their actions in Afghanistan. The banner inscriptions are

on ribbons that are attached to the banner. The article describes the history of this ritual. In an appendix the fuss about the banner Van Heutz in connection with the Aceh war is mentioned.

Papendrecht adopts its own flag protocol

The Municipal Executive of Papendrecht adopted the municipal flag protocol on June 21st 2022. As an example, the town hall carries the Papendrecht *logo flag*, the Dutch flag and the flag of the European Union. At the war memorial, the Papendrecht flag and the Dutch flag are hoisted at half-mast.

Flagpoles are instrumental for a flag to perform

This article is about black or white flagpoles. Some architects choose a dark coloured flag pole instead of the more traditional white flag pole. This is a case study of a building where dark poles are placed. The conclusion is that it is preferable to choose a white one because the pole acts as an inter-medial between flag and place. Black masts hinders a real connection of a flag with its surroundings.

Compagnie Française de Navigation Rhénane (CFNR)

For the American aid within the Marshall Plan, Charles de Gaulle chose to receive part of the aid in transport ships. The building kits of the ships were assembled in Dordrecht (NL). Some of these ships went to the CFNR in Strasbourg. In the Museum of Inland Shipping in Dordrecht some of those CFNR flags are kept: blue with a white rattled red oblique bar from the coat of arms of Strasbourg.

After 425 years a banner of honour for the customs officers

On the occasion of the 425th anniversary, Dutch Customs has been given its own banner. Customs is the oldest civil government service in the Netherlands. In 1597, the States General of the Republic of the United Netherlands adopted a resolution for a national service for the levying of convoy and license fees. The banner refers to that time with the coat of arms with the Generality Lion of the Republic on two crossed anchors and a crown that in its form refers to the sovereignty of the States General.

The flag of the municipality of Hoeksche Waard

On 1 January 2019, the entire island of Hoekse Waard in South Holland became one municipality by merging the municipalities of Binnenmaas, Cromstrijen, Korendijk, Oud Beijerland and Strijen. These municipalities were already a merger of different villages in their surroundings. The flag of the Hoekse Waard, which is equal to the coat of arms contains elements of the different flags of those villages. Striking are the Bavarian diamonds in the fly of the flag. The article also describes the flags of most old municipalities and of the island of Tiengemeten.

Eh? A Dutch flag?

This article describes what the Dutch flag looks like with a coloured hoist, after a photo emerged of the visit of Minister of Defence K. Ollongren to the Pentagon in Washington DC. There was a Dutch flag with blue hoist. In the Netherlands, the hoist is always white.

February 14, 1796 – National Dutch flag established

In the Republic of the Seven United Netherlands, the prince's flag (orange-white-blue) was mainly used in shipping. After 1630 this flag was mostly red-white-blue. The French Revolution also had its influence in the Republic: the Orangists used an orange-white-blue flag while the Patriots stuck to the red-white-blue. In 1794-95 the Republic was occupied by the French, to the delight of the Patriots. In January 1795 the Batavian Republic was founded, and although the provinces still remained independent there was still a striving for a consolidated state. In January 1796 that time had come, so that on February 14th, 1796, the Batavian Republic as a whole could establish the red, white and blue flag.