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An Act to make provision for and in connection with the declaration of the national flag and armorial ensigns of Uganda and the protection thereof against disrespect and misuse.

1. Interpretation

In this Act—

- (a) "**armorial ensigns**" means the Armorial Ensigns of Uganda;
- (b) "**national flag**" means the National Flag of Uganda.

2. Declaration of the national flag and armorial ensigns

- (1) The flag of which the design is set out in Part I of the Schedule to this Act is declared to be the National Flag of Uganda.
- (2) The heraldic device of which the blazon is set out in Part II of the Schedule to this Act is declared to be the Armorial Ensigns of Uganda.

3. Insulting the national flag or armorial ensigns

- (1) Any person who does any act or utters any words or publishes any writing with intent to bring into contempt or ridicule the national flag or armorial ensigns or any representation thereof commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years.
- (2) Where a person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is not a citizen of Uganda, the Minister may make an order directing that the person be deported from and remain out of Uganda, either indefinitely or for a time to be specified in the order.
- (3) An order made under subsection (2) shall be deemed to be an order made under section 17 of the Immigration Act and may be enforced and otherwise dealt with accordingly.

4. Unauthorised use of the national flag or armorial ensigns

- (1) No person shall, without the authority of the Minister, use or permit to be used in connection with any business, trade, calling or profession the national flag or the armorial ensigns, or a flag or device so nearly resembling them as to be calculated to deceive, in a manner calculated to lead to the belief that he or she is duly authorised to use the national flag or armorial ensigns, as the case may be, in that connection.
- (2) Any person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

5. Regulations

The Minister may make regulations—

- (a) prescribing the occasions upon which, the persons by whom and the manner in which the national flag or the armorial ensigns may be flown or displayed, as the case may be;
- (b) prohibiting, controlling or restricting the use of the national flag or armorial ensigns; and
- (c) regulating the manner in which applications may be made to him or her for his or her authority to use the national flag or armorial ensigns in the connection mentioned in [section 4](#), prescribing a form of licence by which that authority may be given and fixing fees for the applications and licences.

Schedule (Section 2(1))

Design of national flag and blazon of armorial ensigns

Part I – Design of the national flag

Six horizontal stripes of equal width coloured from top to bottom black, yellow, red, black, yellow and red, with a crested crane on a white circle in the centre.

Part II – Blazon of the armorial ensigns

For arms, sable upon the fess point a sun in his splendour and in base a Uganda drum gold the skin and guy-ropes argent, a chief barry wavy of six azure and argent; behind the shield two Uganda spears of estate crossed in saltire proper; and upon a compartment representing a grassy mound down the centre of which flows a river between in dexter a sprig of coffee and in sinister a sprig of cotton, both leaved and fructed proper, for supporters, on the dexter side a male Uganda kob proper and on the sinister side a crested crane likewise proper; together with this motto, FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.