

REGULATION

On the Symbols of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

This Regulation shall define the procedure for using the symbols of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization approved by the decision of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States on May 29, 2003.

I. General Provisions

1.1. The terms used in this Regulation shall mean:

1.1.1. "SCO" or "Organization" - the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

1.1.2. The "state - member" - the state-member of the SCO.

1.1.3. "SCO bodies" - Council of Heads of State, Council of Heads of Government (Prime - Ministers), Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, meetings of heads of ministries and/or agencies, Council of National Coordinators, Secretariat, Regional Antiterrorist Structure.

1.1.4. "SCO standing body (hereinafter referred to as the SCO SB)" – SCO Secretariat, SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (hereinafter referred to as the RATS) and other standing bodies established within the SCO framework.

1.1.5. "Secretariat" - the SCO Secretariat.

1.1.6. "RATS Executive Committee" - the Executive Committee of the SCO Regional Antiterrorist Structure.

1.1.7. "Officials" - citizens of the member states recruited based on quota principle within the approved staffing level and holding fixed term positions in the SCO SB.

12. The SCO symbols shall include the SCO Emblem and Flag.

II. SCO Emblem

2.1. The SCO Emblem is round with a pale green general background. The center of the Emblem schematically depicts the northern hemisphere of the globe in blue color with three schematic meridians and three schematic parallels in white. The bottom parallel is a straight line.

The territory of the member states drawn inside the schematic image of the northern hemisphere is highlighted in light blue. Below the schematic rendering of the northern hemisphere there are two wavy blue stripes going from left to right and from bottom to the top (tapering at the top). At the top part of the northern hemisphere – at the spot of the north pole, and in the upper stripe – to the left of the center, there are two white spots like a trace of a scattered sun ray.

At the top and bottom parts of the circle there are symmetrically located two versions of the name "Shanghai Cooperation Organization" in Chinese (hieroglyphs) and in Russian (letters of the Russian language alphabet), respectively in bright green color.

To the left and right of the schematic rendering of the northern hemisphere, between the name of the organization in the Chinese and Russian languages from the bottom up, there are two bright green olive branches depicted.

The color scheme of the Emblem symbolizes the regional nature of the organization, as well as peace, cooperation, security and development, as a reflection of the SCO main objectives. The technical description of the SCO Emblem is attached.

2.2. The SCO Emblem shall be displayed:

- inside SCO SB office buildings, in all conference rooms and rooms intended for holding ceremonial events of the Organization, on constant basis;
- outside SCO SB office building - in rooms where meetings of the SCO organs and its various operating mechanisms are held, for the duration thereof;
- on official documents adopted by the SCO bodies and on the SCO SB forms, web sites, and mail.

2.3. The SCO Emblem can be displayed:

- in the offices of the heads of state, heads of government of the member states presiding in the SCO bodies, and of the SCO Secretary-General and Director of SCO RATS Executive Committee.
- in the command headquarters of the counter-terrorism exercises and trainings of the competent authorities of the member states in charge of emergency response;
- on the products (souvenirs, stationery, banners, badges, printed matter, etc.) manufactured by the order of a member state hosting the SCO and SCO SB events.

III. SCO Flag

3.1. The SCO Flag is a rectangular cloth of white color with the SCO emblem located in its center. The technical description of the SCO Flag is attached.

3.2. The SCO Flag shall be displayed:

- in front of and inside the SCO SB buildings that are permanently used by them;
- in front of and inside the building hosting meetings of the SCO bodies, for the duration thereof;
- during the SCO events, on a desk where meeting participants are seated just in front of SCO SB officials;
- during the official visits of the SCO Secretary-General or the Director of the RATS Executive Committee, on a desk where meeting participants are seated just in front of the SCO Secretary General or the Director of the RATS Executive Committee.

3.3. The SCO Flag may be displayed:

- on the vehicles used by persons presiding in the SCO bodies, by the SCO Secretary-General and the Director of the RATS Executive Committee;
- in front of the diplomatic missions of the member state presiding in the SCO;
- on the official residences occupied by the persons presiding in the SCO bodies, by the SCO Secretary General, and the Director of the RATS Executive Committee, for the duration of their stay;
- on the products (souvenirs, stationery, banners, badges, printed matter, etc.) manufactured by the order of a member state hosting the SCO and SCO SB events.

3.4. SCO Flag shall be raised near the main entrance to the building or at another suitable location, either on the flagpole, or on the pole of a respective holder with the flag pole installed on the facade of the building at an angle not exceeding 45 degrees.

The raised SCO Flag should be elevated to at least 2.5 meters above the ground level.

If the SCO Flag is displayed together with the flags of the SCO member states, SCO observer states and SCO dialogue partners, the equally sized flags should hang at the same level.

The flags the SCO member states are arranged from left to right in alphabetical order (according to the Russian language alphabet), the SCO flag should be located after the last member state

flag in the row, to the right of it, before the flags of SCO observer states and SCO dialogue partners that continue the row.

3.5. On mourning days declared by the member states, the flags displayed in front of the SCO SB office buildings shall be lowered by one-third the length of the flagpole they are attached to. These flags and the SCO flags located inside the offices can have black mourning ribbons attached with their length not exceeding the flag length.

IV. SCO Symbols Use

4.1. The SCO symbols and their rendering, regardless of size, should always be exactly the same color and matching the schematic rendering as set forth in this Regulation.

4.2. International organizations that established official relations with the SCO may use the SCO symbols at official events attended by the SCO SB representatives.

4.3. The SCO symbols and their rendering cannot be used in any manner inconsistent with this Regulation or with any rules adopted pursuant to it. Under no circumstances the SCO symbols and their rendering can be used for commercial purposes or be directly associated with any traded items.

4.4. At the meetings of the bodies and other events agreed between the member states, no authorization to use the SCO symbols and their rendering is required.

If the member states convene an event that has not been agreed with all the member states, relevant ministries, agencies and other organizations of the member states shall be obliged, in the prescribed manner, to coordinate, through the Secretariat, with other member states the use of the SCO symbols and their rendering.

4.5. Permission to use the SCO symbols and their rendering in other cases not covered by this Regulation shall be issued by the Secretariat in consultation with the member states. In order to receive the permission, an interested organization or individual should send to the Secretariat a formal request (application) no less than two months before the scheduled use of the Emblem and/or Flag. The response shall be forwarded within one month following the receipt of the request.

4.6. The Secretariat shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Regulation.

In the case of non-permitted use of the SCO symbols and their rendering, the Secretariat shall have the right to appeal, in the prescribed manner, to the authorized bodies of the states where breaches of this Regulation are recorded, and, in consultation with the SCO member states, to officially announce such action fictitious.

4.7. The procedure for manufacturing, storing and annihilating the SCO symbols in the SCO member states shall be defined in accordance with their national law, and in the SCO SB - in accordance with the internal documents of the SCO SB.

V. Final Provisions

5.1. The liability for violation of the requirements of this Regulation, as well as for the desecration of the SCO symbols shall be determined in accordance with the national law of the state where the violation has occurred.

5.2. This Regulation shall enter into effect on the date of its approval by the Council of Heads of the SCO Member States.

5.3. This Regulation may be amended and/or supplemented by the decision of the Council of Heads of SCO Member States.

Annex to the Regulation on the Symbols of
the Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Technical Description of Flag and Emblem Of Shanghai Cooperation Organization

1. On the SCO Emblem (Chapter II).

In the production of the Emblem basic heraldic colors are used – light blue-blue, white, green. This is in line with the color classification according to the PANTONE international scale, namely:

- emblem background (light green) - 563S color;
- northern hemisphere of the globe (blue) - color 287S;
- territory of the SCO member states (light blue) - color 292S;
- two wavy stripes (blue) - color 287S;
- three schematic meridians and three schematic parallels (light green) - 563S color;
- two white spots like a trace of a scattered sun rays (white) - color 656S;
- two olive branches (bright green) - color 340C;

the name “Shanghai Cooperation Organization” in Chinese (hieroglyphs) and in Russian (letters of the Russian language alphabet) (bright green) - 340C color, Helvetica font.

2. On the SCO Flag (Chapter III).

The SCO Flag is a rectangular cloth of white color with the SCO Emblem located in its center. In accordance with the international standard of PANTONE color scale, the background of the SCO Flag is of a corresponding «white» color.

The ratio of the Flag's width to its length is one to two.

The ratio of the area of the Emblem to the Flag area is one to four.

The ratio of the Emblem height to the width of the Flag is one to two.