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**THE FLAGS REGULATIONS (NI) 2000**

The Flags Regulations will come into force on 11 November. They require the Union flag to be flown on specified days at:-

- Adelaide House
- Castle Buildings
- Churchill House
- Clarence Court
- Dundonald House
- Netherleigh House
- Rathgael House

The Regulations also require the Union flag to be flown at any other Government building at which it was the practice to fly the Union flag on days previously notified by DFP to Departments as flag flying days during the period of 12 months ending with 30 November 1999.

The next flag flying day is 12 November (Remembrance Day).



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The Regulations confer no discretion; when they come into force the law will require the flag to be flown at the specified and the other buildings on the flag flying days. Failure to do so is a breach of the law. A Ministerial direction does not give a Department or any civil servant authority to break the law, or any lawful excuse for doing so.

You should accordingly ensure compliance with the law in relation to those buildings for which you are responsible.

*Gerry Loughran*

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