

Annex A – Maximum Penalties for Categories of Offences

The Act prescribes a maximum penalty of \$30,000 and a six-month imprisonment term for offences under the Regulations. The new maximum penalty is similar to existing penalties for defacing a national monument under the Preservation of Monuments Act 2009. The Regulations further calibrate the maximum penalties for various categories of offences based on their severity, as follows:

Category	Maximum Penalty
Misuse of the Crest, the Public Seal, the Presidential Symbols; and disrespectful use of the National Flag	A maximum \$30,000 fine or six-months imprisonment term or both
Non-compliance with stop orders on disrespectful use of the National Flag, National Pledge, and National Anthem	A maximum \$20,000 fine or six-months imprisonment term or both
Commercial misuse of the National Flag, National Anthem, and National Pledge; distortion or modification of National Flag design; and knowing display of damaged National Flags	A maximum \$10,000 fine or six-months imprisonment term or both
Failure to abide by National Flag display protocol and failure to abide by regulations governing National Anthem and National Pledge use	A maximum \$5,000 fine

The Regulations will also retain the existing regime for composition of offences, with a maximum composition sum of \$2,000.