

The Union of Myanmar

The State Peace and Development Council

### **The Union Seal Law**

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#### **Preamble**

Since it is provided in section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar that the State Peace and Development Council shall carry out the necessary preparatory works to implement the Constitution, it has become necessary to enact the relevant laws to enable performance of the legislative, administrative and judicial functions of the Union smoothly, to enable performance of works that are to be carried out when the various Hluttaws come into existence and to enable performance of the preparatory works in accord with law.

As such, the State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts this Law in accord with section 443 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, in order to apply and preserve the Union Seal in a proper manner in accord with its prestige.

#### **Chapter I**

##### **Title and Definition**

1. This Law shall be called **the Union Seal Law**.

2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:

- (a) **Constitution** means the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
- (b) **Union Seal** means the seal that contains the symbol and form provided in sub-section (a) of section 438 of the Constitution. Such expression includes the whole or any part of the seal containing such symbol made of any substance or expressed on any substance.

#### **Chapter II**

##### **Marks Contained in the Union Seal**

3. The marks contained in the Union Seal are as follows:

- (a) At the centre of the Union Seal is the map of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The sprigs of eugenia containing fourteen leaves each are on either side of the map;
- (b) The sprigs of eugenia are flanked on each side by an artistic Myanmar lion. The lion on the left side faces towards the left and the lion on the right side faces towards the right;
- (c) The expression “Republic of the Union of Myanmar” is inscribed on the ribbon at the foot of the Union Seal. The expression “the Union” is placed under the left lion, the expression “the Republic” is placed at the centre under the map of the Republic of the Union

of Myanmar and the expression “Myanmar” is placed under the right lion;

- (d) At the top of the Union Seal is a star with five vertices that indicate above uprightly;
- (e) Myanmar traditional floral arabesques are on either side of the star.
- (f) The specimen of the Union Seal is as shown in the appendix.

4. In applying various sizes of the Union Seal under the provisions of this Law and rules, it shall conform as nearly as possible to the form and proportion contained in sub-section(a) of section 438 of the Constitution.

### **Chapter III**

#### **Usage of the Union Seal**

5. The Union Seal shall be applied in accord with the stipulations.

### **Chapter IV**

#### **Prohibition and Penalty**

6. No one shall carry out the followings in respect of the Union Seal:

- (a) applying the Union Seal without the permission of the Government;
- (b) destruction or causing destruction of the whole or any part of the Union Seal;
- (c) applying or causing to apply the imitated Union Seal for the purpose of self-interest;
- (d) applying the Union Seal to advertise or to make a trademark.

7. Whoever violates any prohibition contained in section 6 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or with fine not exceeding three hundred thousand kyats or with both.

### **Chapter V**

#### **Miscellaneous**

8. This Law may be amended, inserted or repealed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw formed in accord with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. This Law shall remain in force in so far as it is not repealed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

9. In implementing the provisions contained in this Law:

- (a) the State Peace and Development Council may issue necessary rules;
- (b) the relevant Ministry may issue necessary notifications, orders and directives.

10. The State Seal Law ( The Pyithu Hluttaw Law No.2 of 1974 ) is hereby repealed.

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