04/27/2015 Events

Dear colleagues,

On April 27, we celebrate the Day of the State Flag of the Republic of Moldova - Tricolor - the national symbol of our country which in 1990 was officially designated as the State Flag of the Republic of Moldova by the deputies of the first legislature.

The State Flag symbolizes the past, present and future of the Moldovan state, reflects its democratic principles, historical tradition of the people, equality in rights, friendship and solidarity of all citizens of the republic. The tricolor is hoisted on buildings of the official state institutions, in ceremonies and festivities, and summarizes all the aspirations to freedom and democracy of our citizens, of plenary affirmation and consolidation of the statehood of the Republic of Moldova.

The legal framework on public symbols is the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova, Law no. 86 of 28.07.2011 on Public Symbols, and the international treaties to which the republic of Moldova is a party. Law on Public Symbols governs the legal relations related to the registration, legal protection and use of public symbols afferent to the areas: heraldic, vexillologic, hymnologic, sigillographic, phaleristic and uniformitarian.

The national flag of the Republic of Moldova is also protected, in accordance with Art. 6*ter* of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of 20 March 1883, to which the Republic of Moldova is a party. According to Art. 6*ter* of the Paris Convention for the protection of governmental armorial bearings, emblems, complete names and abbreviations of international intergovernmental organizations, “The countries of the Union agree to refuse or to invalidate the registration, and to prohibit by appropriate measures the use, without authorization by the competent authorities, either as trademarks or as elements of trademarks, of armorial bearings, flags, and other State emblems, of the countries of the Union, official signs and hallmarks indicating control and warranty adopted by them, and any imitation from a heraldic point of view” (http://agepi.gov.md/pdf/law/international/paris.pdf [1]).

This year, on this occasion, will be held a series of events such as: solemn meeting in the Parliament entitled “Tricolor in its 25 years”, an exhibition of flags and light shows; Tricolor Dance, performed by students from the National College of Choregraphy; a concert by the Presidential Orchestra and Chisinau Youth Orchestra in the Parliament Square; manifestations organized at the Ministry of Defense, etc.

On behalf of the Administration of the State Agency on Intellectual Property, I address you the best wishes, wishing you all wealth and creative energy in joint efforts for the prosperity and progress of the Republic of Moldova.

With best wishes, Lilia Bolocan, Director General of AGEPI

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