



## Flag of Russia - Tricolor

Adopted on 11 December 1993.

Rectangular tricolor with three equal-size horizontal bands: the upper one is white, the middle blue, and the lower red.

Many Russians associate white with nobility, blue with honesty, and red with courage or love.

The flag was first used as an ensign for Russian merchant ships and only became official in 1696. According to one source the choice of the colours may originate from the flag of the Netherlands.

