

Centred in the hoist is a red-white-and-blue pattern that is remotely suggestive of the vertical and diagonal crosses of the Union Jack. The red-and-white portion, only *very* remotely suggestive of a strawberry-topped pay, is composed of sixteen triangles of equal size ("I got your triangles right here"), representing the official regions of New Zealand proper, as are the sixteen red-and-blue stripes of the fly, which are overlaid with the traditional New Zealand-style Southern Cross. The emblematic pattern in the hoist is surrounded by eight silver fern fronds, representing the full Realm of New Zealand: NZ proper, Niue, Tokelau, the Ross Dependency, the Cook Islands, the Chatham Islands, the Kermadec Islands, and the NZ Subantarctic Islands. The design will be distinctive from any distance and in any wind.