

## **National Anthem Law of the People's Republic of China (Draft)**

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**Article 1:** This Law is drafted on the basis of the Constitution, so as to preserve the dignity of the national anthem, to regulate the performance, singing, playing, and use of the national anthem, to enhance citizens' conception of the State, to carry forward the spirit of patriotism, and to cultivate and practice the socialist core values.

**Article 2:** The national anthem of the People's Republic of China is the "March of the Volunteers."

**Article 3:** The national anthem of the People's Republic of China is the symbol and sign of the People's Republic of China.

All citizens and organizations shall respect the national anthem and preserve the dignity of the national anthem.

**Article 4:** The national anthem shall be performed and sung on the following occasions:

(1) Opening and closing ceremonies of the National People's Congress and all levels of local people's congresses;

and opening and closing ceremonies of the National Committee and local committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference;

(2) Constitutional oath-swearing ceremonies;

(3) Flag-raising ceremonies;

(4) Major celebrations, major award ceremonies, major commemorative ceremonies, national memorial ceremonies and the like, which are organized by any level of state organ;

(5) Major diplomatic activities;

(6) Major sporting events;

(7) Other occasions where it is necessary to perform and sing the national anthem.

**Article 5:** Performance and singing of the national anthem shall follow the lyrics and score as

provided by this Law, the anthem's lyrics must not be altered, and it must not be performed or sung in a form harmful to the anthem's dignity or that affects the national image.

**Article 6:** When the national anthem is performed and sung, those present shall stand and deport themselves respectfully. When the national anthem is performed and sung at flag-raising ceremonies, those present shall face the flag; and uniformed military personnel, people's armed police, people's police, and other such personnel are to give a hand salute, and other personnel are to look on in respect.

**Article 7:** China National Radio, China Radio International, and China Central Television are to play the national anthem at prescribed times on National Day, International Labor Day, New Year's Day, Spring Festival, and other important holidays and anniversaries.

**Article 8:** The occasions and etiquette for performing, singing, playing the national anthem in diplomatic activities are to be prescribed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The occasions and etiquette for military performances and singing of the national anthem are to be prescribed by the Central Military Commission.

**Article 9:** A competent department designated by the State Council is to organize the review and approval of the standard score for performances of the national anthem, and is to record the official recording of the national anthem to be played. The standard score and official recorded version of the national anthem shall be published on the Chinese Government's website [[www.gov.cn](http://www.gov.cn)].

When performing, singing, or playing the national anthem on occasions provided for by Article 4 of this Law, the standard score and official recorded version of the national anthem shall be used. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diplomatic institutions stationed abroad shall provide the foreign affairs departments of relevant countries with the standard score and official recorded version of the national anthem, for use in diplomatic activities.

The State Council administrative department for sports shall provide relevant international organizations with the standard score and official recorded version of the national anthem, for use in international sporting events.

**Article 10:** The national anthem must not be performed, sung, or played at private funeral events, or other inappropriate occasions.

The national anthem must not be used, or covertly used, in trademarks, advertisements, or as background music used in public venues.

**Article 11:** The national anthem is to be included in first-grade music textbooks for full-time primary schools.

Full-time secondary schools and primary schools shall make the lyrics and score of the national anthem an important part of patriotism education, and organize the students to learn to sing the national anthem.

**Article 12:** The news media shall actively publicize the national anthem and popularize knowledge about the etiquette for performing and singing the national anthem.

**Article 13:** All levels of local people's governments are to conduct oversight and management of the performance, singing, playing, and use of the national anthem within their respective administrative regions.

Relevant departments, such as for education, culture, sports, public security, industry and commerce administration, of all levels of people's governments at the county level or above, as well as relevant military departments, are to conduct oversight and management of the performance, singing, playing, and use of the national anthem, within the scope of their respective duties and powers.

**Article 14:** Whoever maliciously alters the lyrics of the national anthem, or performs or sings the national anthem in a deliberately distorted or derogatory manner, in a public venue, damaging the solemn image of the national anthem, is to be detained for up to 15 days by the public security organs.

**Article 15:** This Law takes effect on ××-××-××××.

**Appendix:** *National Anthem of the People's Republic of China* [score and lyrics not shown]