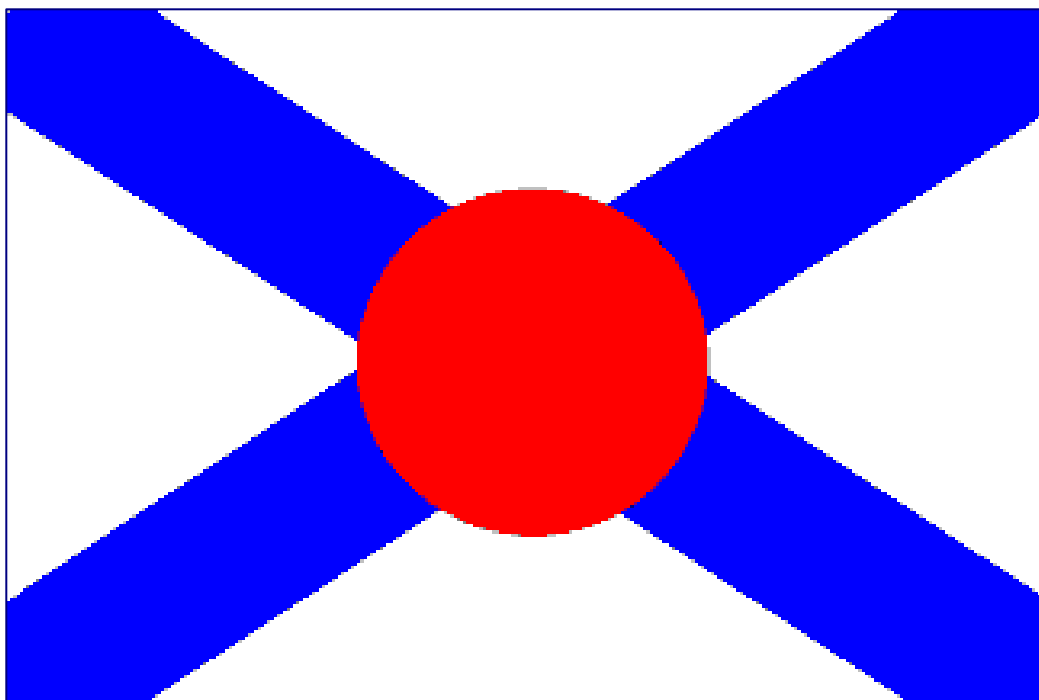


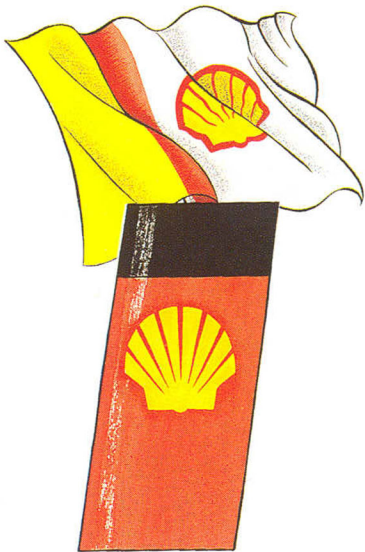
## Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd.



Larousse Commercial Illustr (1930) shows Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd., London: white, a thin blue saltire (let us say, one fifth of flag height) and a red disk in the centre, the disk being about one third of flag height. The on-line 1912 Lloyds shows this flag (with a broader saltire) under No. 1372:



AAA3676 House flag, Eagle Oil Shipping Co. Ltd  
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London)







1892 - 1897



1897 - 1907



1907 - 1945



1945 - 1963



1932 - 1963



1963 - 1972



1972 - PRESENT



## Shell Mex and B. P. Ltd.

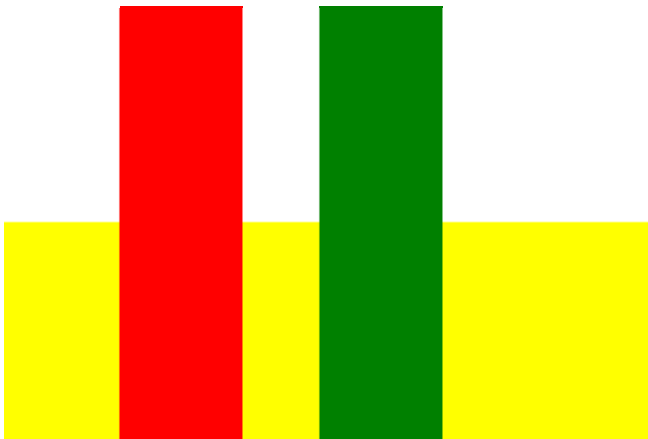


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From the [website of the National Maritime Museum](#), the house flag of Shell Mex and B. P. Ltd., London. A rectangular flag divided horizontally white over yellow with a red and a green vertical stripe placed, slightly separated, across the centre. The flag is made of a wool and synthetic fibre bunting. It has a cotton hoist and is machine sewn."

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The red and green vertical stripes on this flag are based in the flag of Mexico, to which the company name also refers.

*António Martins-Tuválkin*, 17 March 2005

[Loughran \(1979\)](#) shows an image with yellow extending from bottom to top between the red and green stripes. I suspect a printers' error has extended the yellow to the top of the flag. The company was actually involved in the UK coastal UK oil trade from c.1919 to 1975 as a joint venture between Shell-Mex and BP so I don't know about involving the Mexican colours. More likely I imagine it is a combination of the Shell colours with red-white and yellow with those of BP with green, red, yellow and white.

*António Martins-Tuválkin*, 19 March 2005

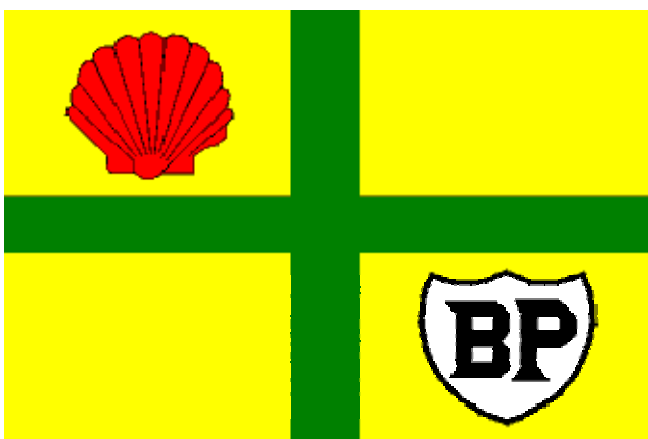


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Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd. Up until 1963 they had a yellow flag with a green cross, in the canton a red shell and in the 4th quarter a white shield bearing a black "BP". [Loughran \(1979\)](#) shows a slightly different version of the next flag which is shown here with the vertical bands becoming a narrow triband of red-yellow-green placed at the centre, whilst Ridley Chesterton in his 1967 book *Coastal*

Ships describes a flag of white over yellow over white bands (see below).  
*Neale Rosanoski*, 17 March 2005



image by *António Martins-Tuválkin*, 17 March 2005

The Ridley Chesterton flag I have doubts on as it is possible that he has just assumed that it would be the same as the funnel bands and I would have thought that if it had existed then [Loughran \(1979\)](#), with his book of 12 years later, would have noted its existence. But he has described it so fair enough that it be shown.

*António Martins-Tuválkin*, 19 March 2005

What was originally Bowring Petroleum became, or was taken over by, Anglo-Mexican Petroleum, who sold Mex Motor Spirit. By 1921 Shell had taken over Anglo-Mexican and become Shellmex. Later the suffix 'mex' was dropped.

*David Prothero*, 26 March 2005

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## Shell Tankers Ltd.



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From the [website of the National Maritime Museum](#), the house flag of Shell Tankers Ltd., London. A red rectangular flag with a white disc in the centre bearing a gold shell. The flag is made of a wool and synthetic fibre bunting. It has a cotton hoist and is machine sewn."

*Jarig Bakker*, 28 August 2004



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Shell Tankers Ltd. The flag was common to members of the international group. According to [Loughran \(1979\)](#) in 1963 there was a change to white with a broad red pale bearing the yellow shell followed in 1972 by a change in design of the shell with the flutings reduced to 7 though he shows 8 in his image and this is confirmed by photos of the shell appearing on funnels.  
*Neale Rosanoski*, 17 March 2005



In 1973 the flag was altered to unequal vertical bands of yellow-red-white with the shell outlined red and placed on the white.  
*Neale Rosanoski*, 17 March 2005



