

Act No. 200 of 7 April 1999 on the delimitation of the territorial sea

1. Denmark's territorial sea is the external and internal territorial waters.
2. The external territorial waters cover those areas of the sea which landward are delimited by the baselines applicable at all times mentioned in section 3 and seaward by lines drawn in such a manner that the distance from every point of these lines to the nearest point of the baseline is 12 nautical miles (22,224 m).
 - (2) In the absence of an agreement to the contrary with foreign States whose coasts lie opposite the coasts of the Kingdom of Denmark at a distance not exceeding 24 nautical miles or adjacent to Denmark, the outer limit of the external territorial waters shall not extend beyond the median line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points of the baselines from which the breadth of territorial seas of each of the two States is measured, unless special circumstances may warrant another delineation.
 - (3) The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall lay down and shall promulgate the outer limits of the external territorial waters and the baselines on which the measuring of these outer limits shall be based in pursuance of section 1.
 - (4) In waters where special circumstances prevail, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may resolve that the outer limit of the external territorial waters shall be measured at a distance shorter than 12 nautical miles from the baselines.
3. The internal territorial waters cover those areas of the waters, such as ports, harbour entrances, roadsteads, bays, inlets, sounds and belts, which are within the baselines mentioned in section 2(3).
4. The existing right of passage enjoyed by foreign vessels through those parts of the internal territorial waters of the Little Belt, the Great Belt and the Sound which normally are used for such passage shall remain unchanged.
5. This Act shall enter into force on 1 May 1999, cf., however, (2).
 - (2) The obligation to use a pilot in pursuance of section 8 of the Pilotage Act, cf. Promulgation Order No. 529 of 4 August 1989, in that part of the external territorial waters which before 1 May 1999 did not constitute territorial waters, shall not enter into force until 1 January 2001.
 - (3) On 1 May 1999, Order No. 437 of 21 December 1966 on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea shall be revoked.
6. This Act shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland but may become effective by Royal Decree for those parts of the Kingdom of Denmark with the amendments dictated by the special conditions prevailing in the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

(2) As far as Greenland is concerned, the outer limit of the external territorial waters may be measured at a distance shorter than 12 nautical miles from the baselines.

DONE at Amalienborg this 7th day of April 1999.

Under our Royal Hand and Seal.