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The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the International Law Commission's request for information on 'Sea-level rise in relation to international law' contained in operative paragraph 4 of resolution A/74/425.

The United Kingdom Permanent Mission encloses herewith the comments of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 'Sea-level rise in relation to international law' along with relevant domestic legislation.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations in New York avails itself this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

10 January 2020



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The United Kingdom considers the topic of Sea-Level Rise in Relation to International Law to be of great importance, not least given the very real threat posed to some of the United Kingdom's Overseas Territories by the impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise. At present, the United Kingdom is not able to point to elements of its own State practice that directly respond to the issues under consideration by the Study Group considering the law of the sea aspects of this topic. The only information that we would draw to the Study Group's attention at this stage is the legislation establishing the UK's Territorial Sea that provides for ambulatory baselines in accordance with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and the legislation establishing the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone which is defined by fixed coordinates as agreed in bilateral Maritime Boundary Delimitation Treaties with neighbouring countries. Copies of this legislation are included for the Study Group's consideration. Electronic links to the legislation are also provided below for ease of reference:

Territorial Sea Act 1987 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1987/49/contents>

Territorial Sea (Baselines) Order 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/1353/contents/made>

Exclusive Economic Zone Order 2013

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/3161/contents/made>

The United Kingdom reaffirms its support for the work of the International Law Commission and in particular the work of the Study Group looking at law of the sea aspects of sea level rise. The United Kingdom remains ready to assist the Study Group on any specific points that arise during their consideration of this topic on which they would find it helpful to have the views of States.



Territorial Sea Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 49

An Act to provide for the extent of the territorial sea adjacent to the British Islands. [15th May 1987]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended (with modifications) (31.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/278, art. 2, Sch
Act extended (with modifications) (12.2.2002 with effect in accordance with art. 1 with art. 1 of S.I. 2002/250) by S.I. 1997/278, art. 2, Sch. para. 2(b), para. (ii) of proviso (as amended by S.I. 2002/250, art. 2(a))
Act extended (with modifications) (12.2.2002 with effect in accordance with art. 1 of S.I. 2002/250) by S.I. 1997/278 (as amended by S.I. 2002/250, art. 2(b))
Act extended (with modifications) (12.2.2002 with effect in accordance with art. 1 of S.I. 2002/250) by S.I. 1997/278 (as amended by S.I. 2002/250, art. 2(c))
- C2** Act extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (23.7.2019) by The Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Guernsey) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1108), art. 2, Sch.

Commencement Information

- II** Act not in force at Royal Assent see s. 4(2); Act wholly in force at 01. 10. 1987.

1 Extension of territorial sea.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act—

- (a) the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom shall for all purposes be 12 nautical miles; and
- (b) the baselines from which the breadth of that territorial sea is to be measured shall for all purposes be those established by Her Majesty by Order in Council.

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Territorial Sea Act 1987. (See end of Document for details)*

- (2) Her Majesty may, for the purpose of implementing any international agreement or otherwise, by Order in Council provide that any part of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom shall extend to such line other than that provided for by subsection (1) above as may be specified in the Order.
- (3) In any legal proceedings a certificate issued by or under the authority of the Secretary of State stating the location of any baseline established under subsection (1) above shall be conclusive of what is stated in the certificate.
- (4) As from the coming into force of this section the Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964 and the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1979 shall have effect for all purposes as if they were Orders in Council made by virtue of subsection (1) (b) above; and subsection (5) below shall apply to those Orders as it applies to any other instrument.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, any enactment or instrument which (whether passed or made before or after the coming into force of this section) contains a reference (however worded) to the territorial sea adjacent to, or to any part of, the United Kingdom shall be construed in accordance with this section and with any provision made, or having effect as if made, under this section.
- (6) Without prejudice to the operation of subsection (5) above in relation to a reference to the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom is measured, nothing in that subsection shall require any reference in any enactment or instrument to a specified distance to be construed as a reference to a distance equal to the breadth of that territorial sea.
- (7) In this section “nautical miles” means international nautical miles of 1,852 metres.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 1 applied (W.) (1.4.2002) by S.I. 2002/676, art. 2(3)
- C4** S. 1 modified (coming into force in accordance with S.I. 2002/250, art. 1) by 1997/278 (as amended by 2002/250, arts. 1, 2)
- C5** S. 1 extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (19.5.2014) by The Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Guernsey) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1105), arts. 1, 2, Schs.
- C6** S. 1(7) modified (coming into force in accordance with S.I. 2002/250, art. 1) by S.I. 1997/278 (as amended by S.I. 2002/250, arts. 1, 2)

2 Enactments and instruments not affected.

- (1) Except in so far as Her Majesty may by Order in Council otherwise provide, nothing in section 1 above shall affect the operation of any enactment contained in a local Act passed before the date on which that section comes into force.
- (2) Nothing in section 1 above, or in any Order in Council under that section or subsection (1) above, shall affect the operation of so much of any enactment passed or instrument made before the date on which that section comes into force as for the time being settles the limits within which any harbour authority or port health authority has jurisdiction or is able to exercise any power.
- ^{F1}(3)
- (4) Nothing in section 1 above, or in any Order in Council under that section, shall affect—

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- (a) any regulations made under section 6 of the ^{M1}Petroleum (Production) Act 1934 [^{F2}or section 4 of the Petroleum Act 1998] before the date on which that section or Order comes into force; or
 - (b) any licences granted under the said Act of 1934 [^{F3}or Part I of the said Act of 1998] before that date or granted on or after that date in pursuance of regulations made under [^{F4}either of those sections] before that date.
- (5) In this section—
- “coal” has the same meaning as in the ^{M2}Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946;
 - “harbour authority” means a harbour authority within the meaning of the ^{M3}Harbours Act 1964 or the ^{M4}Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970; and
 - “port health authority” means a port health authority for the purposes of the ^{M5}Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 2(3) repealed (5.7.1994) by 1994 c. 21, s. 67, Sch. 11 Pt. II
- F2** Words in s. 2(4)(a) inserted (15.2.1999) by 1998 c. 17, ss. 50, Sch. 4 para. 24(a); S.I. 1999/161, art. 2
- F3** Words in s. 2(4)(b) inserted (15.2.1999) by 1998 c. 17, ss. 50, Sch. 4 para. 24(b); S.I. 1999/161, art. 2
- F4** Words in s. 2(4) substituted (15.2.1999) by 1998 c. 17, ss. 50, Sch. 4 para. 24(b); S.I. 1999.161, art. 2

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1934 c. 36.
- M2** 1946 c. 59.
- M3** 1964 c. 40.
- M4** 1970 c. 1. (N.I.).
- M5** 1984 c. 22.

3 Amendments and repeals.

- (1) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with the amendments there specified (being minor amendments and amendments consequential on the provisions of this Act).
- (2) Her Majesty may by Order in Council—
 - (a) make, in relation to any enactment passed or instrument made before the date on which section 1 above comes into force, any amendment corresponding to any of those made by Schedule 1 to this Act;
 - [^{F5}(b) amend subsection (1) of section 36 of the ^{M6}Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (marine nature reserves) so as to include such other parts of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain as may be specified in the Order in the waters and parts of the sea which, by virtue of paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to this Act, may be designated under that section;]
 - (c) [^{F6} amend paragraph 1 of Article 20 of the ^{M7}Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (marine nature reserves) so as to include such other parts of the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland as may be specified in the Order in the waters and parts of the sea which, by virtue of paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to this Act, may be designated under that Article.]

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- (3) Her Majesty may by Order in Council make such modifications of the effect of any Order in Council under section 1(7) of the ^{M8}Continental Shelf Act 1964 (designated areas) as appear to Her to be necessary or expedient in consequence of any provision made by or under this Act.
- (4) The enactments mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 3(2)(b) repealed (E.W.) (12.1.2010 for specified purposes and 12.12.2014 in so far as not already in force) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), s. 324(4), **Sch. 22 Pt. 3**; S.I. 2014/3088, art. 2(c) and s. 3(2)(b) repealed (S.) (1.7.2010) by Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 5), s. 168(1), **Sch. 4 para. 6(a)** (with s. 162); S.S.I. 2010/230, art. 2(h)
- F6** S. 3(2)(c) repealed (N.I.) (18.9.2013) by Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c. 10), **ss. 40(1)(b)(i)**, 49 (with ss. 1(1), 46(3), 47)

Marginal Citations

- M6** 1981 c. 69.
- M7** S.I. 1985/170 (N.I.).
- M8** 1964 c. 29.

4 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Territorial Sea Act 1987.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such day as Her Majesty may by Order in Council appoint, and different days may be so appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.
- (3) This Act extends to Northern Ireland.
- (4) Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that any of the provisions of this Act shall extend, with such exceptions, adaptations and modifications (if any) as may be specified in the Order, to any of the Channel Islands or to the Isle of Man.

Extent Information

- E1** S. 4 does not extend to the Channel Islands nor the Colonies.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 4(4): s. 4(4) power exercised by S.I.1991/1722

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** S. 4(1) extended (with modifications) (Guernsey) (19.5.2014) by The Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Guernsey) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1105), arts. 1, 2, **Schs.**
- C8** Power of appointment conferred by s. 4(2) fully exercised: 1.10.1987 appointed by S.I. 1987/1270

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for the Territorial Sea Act 1987. (See end of Document for details)*

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 3.

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Coast Protection Act 1949

- 1 (1) In section 18(3) of the ^{M9}Coast Protection Act 1949 (prohibition of excavation etc. of materials on or under the seashore) for the words “lying to seaward therefrom” there shall be substituted the words “ of the sea-shore lying to seaward of their area but within three nautical miles of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Great Britain is measured, ”.
- (2) In section 49(1) of that Act (interpretation) after the definition of “mortgage” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““nautical miles” means international nautical miles of 1,852 metres;”.

Marginal Citations

M9 1949 c. 74.

The Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971

- 2 For the definition of “foreign sector of the continental shelf” in section 1(4) of the ^{M10}Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971 there shall be substituted the following definition—

““foreign sector of the continental shelf” means an area within which rights are exercisable with respect to the sea bed and subsoil and their natural resources by a country or territory outside the United Kingdom;”.

Marginal Citations

M10 1971 c. 61.

The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975

F73

Textual Amendments

F7 Sch. 1 para. 3 repealed (1.1.2011) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), s. 324(3), Sch. 22 Pt. 5(B); S.I. 2010/298, art. 2, Sch. para. 14

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The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979

- 4 (1) In section 1(1) of the ^{M11}Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (interpretation) after the definition of “transit shed” there shall be inserted the following definition—
- ““United Kingdom waters” means any waters (including inland waters) within the seaward limits of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom”;
- (2) In section 35(7) of that Act (report inwards of ships and aircraft) for the words “within 12 nautical miles of the coast of the United Kingdom” there shall be substituted the words “in or over United Kingdom waters”.
- (3) In that Act the words “in United Kingdom waters” shall be substituted—
- (a) in section 64(4) (clearance outwards of ships and aircraft) for the words “within the limits of a port or within 3 nautical miles of the coast of the United Kingdom”;
 - (b) in section 88 (forfeiture of ship, aircraft or vehicle constructed etc. for concealing goods) for the words “within the limits of any port or within 3 or, being a British ship, 12 nautical miles of the coast of the United Kingdom”;
 - (c) in section 89(1) and (2) (forfeiture of ship jettisoning cargo etc.) for the words “within 3 nautical miles of the coast of the United Kingdom”;
 - (d) in section 142(2) (special provision as to forfeiture of larger ships) for the words “within 3 nautical miles of the coast of the United Kingdom”.

Marginal Citations

M11 1979 c. 2.

The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979

- 5 (1) In the Table in section 4(3) of the ^{M12}Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 (expressions defined in the Management Act) after the expression ““tons register”” there shall be inserted the expression “United Kingdom waters”.
- (2) ^{F8}

Textual Amendments

F8 Sch. 1 para. 5(2) repealed (19.7.2006) by Finance Act 2006 (c. 25), s. 178, Sch. 26 Pt. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

M12 1979 c. 4.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

- [^{F9}6 In section 36 of the ^{M13}Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (marine nature reserves)
- (a) in subsection (1) for the words “in or adjacent to Great Britain up to the seaward limits of territorial waters” there shall be substituted the words “which are landward of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial

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- sea adjacent to Great Britain is measured or are seaward of those baselines up to a distance of three nautical miles”; and
- (b) in subsection (7) after the definition of “local authority” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“ “ nautical miles ” means international nautical miles of 1,852 metres; ”.]

Textual Amendments

- F9** Sch. 1 para. 6 repealed (E.W.) (12.1.2010 for specified purposes and 12.12.2014 for W.) by Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), s. 324(4), **Sch. 22 Pt. 3**; S.I. 2014/3088, art. 2(c) and Sch. 1 para. 6 repealed (S.) (1.7.2010) by Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 5), s. 168(1), **Sch. 4 para. 6(b)** (with s. 162); S.S.I. 2010/230, art. 2(h)

Marginal Citations

- M13** 1981 c. 69.

The Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982

F10⁷

Textual Amendments

- F10** Sch. 1 para. 7(1)(2) repealed (15.2.1999) by 1998 c. 17, ss. 51, **Sch. 5 Pt. I**; S.I. 1999/161, art. 2

The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

- 8 In section 6 of the ^{M14}Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (under which the Port of London is for the purposes of that Act not to extend outside territorial waters) for the words “are for the time being” there shall be substituted the words “immediately before the coming into force of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 were”.

Marginal Citations

- M14** 1984 c. 22.

The Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985

- 9 [^{F11}In Article 20 of the ^{M15}Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (marine nature reserves)—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for the words “in or adjacent to Northern Ireland up to the seaward limits of territorial waters” there shall be substituted the words “which are landward of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Northern Ireland is measured or are seaward of those baselines up to a distance of three nautical miles”; and
- (b) in paragraph (6) before the definition of “relevant body” there shall be inserted the following definition—

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““nautical miles” means international nautical miles of 1,852 metres;”.]

Textual Amendments

F11 Sch. 1 para. 9 repealed (N.I.) (18.9.2013) by Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c. 10), ss. 40(1)(b) (ii), 49 (with ss. 1(1), 46(3), 47)

Marginal Citations

M15 S.I. 1985/170 (N.I. 1).

SCHEDULE 2

Section 3.

REPEALS

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of repeal
41 & 42 Vict. c. 73.	The Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act 1878.	In section 7, the definition of “the territorial waters of Her Majesty’s dominions”, including the words from “and for the purpose of any offence” to “the territorial waters of Her Majesty’s dominions”.
1967 c. 41.	The Marine, &c., Broadcasting Offences Act 1967.	Section 9(2).
1967 c. 72.	The Wireless Telegraphy Act 1967.	Section 9(1).
1979 c. 2.	The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979.	In section 1(1), the definition of “nautical mile”.
1979 c. 4.	The Alcoholic Duties Act 1979.	In section 4(3), the words “nautical mile”.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Territorial Sea Act 1987.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 1353

TERRITORIAL SEA

The Territorial Sea (Baselines) Order 2014

Made - - - - - *27th May 2014*
Coming into force - - - - - *30th June 2014*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of May 2014

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 1(1)(b) of the Territorial Sea Act 1987(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Territorial Sea (Baselines) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 30th June 2014.

(2) The Territorial Waters Order in Council 1964(2) and the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Order in Council 1998(3) are revoked.

Baselines

2.—(1) Except as provided in Article 3 of this Order, the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man shall be established in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Cmnd 8941), as modified and set out in Schedule 1 to this Order,

(2) In Schedule 1 to this Order, except in the phrase “low-water line”, the word “line” means a geodesic line.

3.—(1) The baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured between Cape Wrath and Laggan shall consist of the geodesic lines drawn so as to join successively, in the order in which they are there set out, the points identified by the co-ordinates of latitude and longitude in the

(1) 1987 c.49; section 1 of the Territorial Sea Act 1987 was extended to the Isle of Man by the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Isle of Man) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1722); to Jersey by the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Jersey) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/278) (as amended by the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/250)); and to Guernsey by the Territorial Sea Act 1987 (Guernsey) Order 2014 (S.I.2014/1105)

(2) 1965 III, p. 6452A.

(3) S.I. 1998/2564.

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first column of Schedule 2 to this Order, each being a point on the low-water line and on or adjacent to the feature named in the second column of that Schedule.

(2) In Schedule 2 to this Order, all positions given by means of coordinates are defined on World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS84).

Ceri King
Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, WITH MODIFICATIONS

*Note: modifications to the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea are indicated in **bold** and omissions by dots.*

Article 5

Normal Baseline

Except where otherwise provided in **the provisions of this Convention specified below**, the normal baseline for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea is the low-water line along the coast.....

Article 9

Mouths of Rivers

If a river flows directly into the sea, the baseline shall be a straight line across the mouth of the river between points on the low-water line of its banks.

Article 10

Bays

1. This article relates only to bays the coasts of which belong to a single State.
2. For the purposes of this Convention, a bay is a well-marked indentation whose penetration is in such proportion to the width of its mouth as to contain land-locked waters and constitute more than a mere curvature of the coast. An indentation shall not, however, be regarded as a bay unless its area is as large as, or larger than, that of the semi-circle whose diameter is a line drawn across the mouth of that indentation.
3. For the purpose of measurement, the area of an indentation is that lying between the low-water mark around the shore of the indentation and a line joining the low-water mark of its natural entrance points. Where, because of the presence of islands, an indentation has more than one mouth, the semi-circle shall be drawn on a line as long as the sum total of the lengths of the lines across the different mouths. Islands within an indentation shall be included as if they were part of the water area of the indentation.
4. If the distance between the low-water marks of the natural entrance points of a bay does not exceed 24 nautical miles, a closing line may be drawn between these two low-water marks, and the waters enclosed thereby shall be considered as internal waters.
5. Where the distance between the low-water marks of the natural entrance points of a bay exceeds 24 nautical miles, a straight baseline of 24 nautical miles shall be drawn within the bay in such a manner as to enclose the maximum area of water that is possible with a line of that length.
6. The foregoing provisions do not apply in any case **where Article 3 of this Order applies.**

Article 11

Ports

For the purpose of delimiting the territorial sea, the outermost permanent harbour works which form an integral part of the harbour system are regarded as forming part of the coast. Off-shore installations and artificial islands shall not be considered as permanent harbour works.

Article 12

Roadsteads

Roadsteads which are normally used for the loading, unloading and anchoring of ships, and would otherwise be situated wholly or partly outside the outer limit of the territorial sea, are included in the territorial sea.

Article 13

Low-tide elevations

1. A low-tide elevation is a naturally formed area of land which is surrounded by and above water at low tide but submerged at high tide. Where a low tide elevation is situated wholly or partly at a distance not exceeding the breadth of the territorial sea from the mainland or an island, the low-water line on that elevation may be used as the baseline for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea.

2. Where a low-tide elevation is wholly situated at a distance exceeding the breadth of the territorial sea from the mainland or an island, it has no territorial sea of its own.

Article 121

Regime of Islands

1. An island is a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is above water at high tide.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

POINTS BETWEEN CAPE WRATH AND LAGGAN JOINED BY GEODESIC LINES TO FORM BASELINES

	<i>Latitude North</i>	<i>Longitude West</i>	
1	58° 37'.642	5° 00'.295	Cape Wrath
2	58° 31'.173	6° 15'.752	Lith-Sgeir
3	58° 30'.707	6° 16'.985	Gealltuig
4	58° 29'.123	6° 20'.350	Dell Rock
5	58° 18'.442	6° 47'.812	Tiumpan Head
6	58° 17'.575	6° 52'.778	Màs Sgeir
7	58° 17'.125	6° 55'.395	Old Hill
8	58° 14'.475	7° 02'.160	Gallan Head
9	58° 13'.992	7° 03'.010	Islet SW of Gallan Head
10	58° 10'.625	7° 06'.960	Eilean Molach
11	57° 59'.110	7° 17'.757	Gasker
12	57° 41'.295	7° 43'.268	Haskeir Eagach
13	57° 32'.347	7° 44'.018	Huskeiran
14	57° 14'.532	7° 27'.787	Rubha Ardvule

	<i>Latitude North</i>	<i>Longitude West</i>	
15	57° 00'.817	7° 31'.752	Greub Head
16	56° 58'.102	7° 33'.452	Doirinn Head
17	56° 56'.935	7° 34'.335	Aird a'Chaolais
18	56° 56'.068	7° 34'.968	Biruaslum
19	56° 49'.335	7° 39'.583	Guarsay Mór
20	56° 47'.985	7° 40'.000	Sròn an Dùin
21	56° 47'.102	7° 39'.650	Skate Point
22	56° 19'.273	7° 07'.087	Skerryvore
23	56° 07'.958	6° 38'.057	Dubh Artach
24	55° 41'.595	6° 32'.090	Frenchman's Rocks
25	55° 40'.395	6° 31'.040	Orsay Island
26	55° 35'.397	6° 20'.358	Mull of Oa
27	55° 17'.950	5° 47'.962	Mull of Kintyre
28	54° 58'.485	5° 11'.183	Laggan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man is measured in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It applies the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention, with modifications, as set out in Schedule 1. The baseline is generally the low-water line around the coast, including the coast of all islands.

Between Cape Wrath and Laggan a straight baseline system is established in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention; this is defined by a series of straight lines joining specified points lying on the low-water line generally on the seaward side of the islands lying off the coast. Elsewhere, where there is a bay, a line not exceeding 24 nautical miles in length is drawn across the bay and will constitute the baseline.

The limits of the territorial sea derived from these baselines are shown on Admiralty Charts published by the UK Hydrographic Office and obtainable from Admiralty Chart agents.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 3161

MARINE MANAGEMENT

The Exclusive Economic Zone Order 2013

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>11th December 2013</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>18th December 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st March 2014</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of December 2013

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 41(3) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009⁽¹⁾, section 84(4)(b) of the Energy Act 2004⁽²⁾, and section 1(5)(b) of the Energy Act 2008⁽³⁾, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Exclusive Economic Zone Order 2013, and comes into force on 31st March 2014.

(2) The Gas Importation and Storage Zone (Designation of Area) Order 2009⁽⁴⁾ and the Renewable Energy Zone (Designation of Area) Order 2004⁽⁵⁾ are revoked.

(3) The coordinates in the Schedules hereto are defined on the World Geodetic System 1984 Datum (WGS84).

2. The areas defined in Schedule A are designated as the area within which the rights under Part V of the Convention are excisable by the United Kingdom.

3. However, between points 177 and 184 inclusive, the Renewable Energy Zone and the Gas Importation and Storage Zone extend only to the lines described in column 2 of Schedule B joining in the order given the co-ordinates specified in column 1 of Schedule B.

(1) 2009 c.23.

(2) 2004 c.20; section 84(4) was amended by paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 4 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

(3) 2008 c.32; section 1(5) was amended by paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 4 to the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

(4) S.I. 2009/223.

(5) S.I. 2004/2668.

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Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE A

Article 2

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Line Type to following point</i>
FIRST AREA			
1	53° 52'.22106N	005° 49'.53816W	Straight line
2	53° 46'.00N	005° 22'.00W	Meridian of longitude
3	53° 45'.80N	005° 22'.00W	Parallel of latitude
4	53° 45'.80N	005° 19'.33W	Meridian of longitude
5	53° 44'.40N	005° 19'.33W	Parallel of latitude
6	53° 44'.40N	005° 17'.85W	Meridian of longitude
7	53° 42'.14N	005° 17'.85W	Parallel of latitude
8	53° 42'.14N	005° 16'.34W	Meridian of longitude
9	53° 39'.00N	005° 16'.34W	Parallel of latitude
10	53° 39'.00N	005° 17'.00W	Meridian of longitude
11	53° 32'.00N	005° 17'.00W	Parallel of latitude
12	53° 32'.00N	005° 19'.00W	Meridian of longitude
13	53° 26'.00N	005° 19'.00W	Parallel of latitude
14	53° 26'.00N	005° 20'.00W	Meridian of longitude
15	53° 09'.00N	005° 20'.00W	Parallel of latitude
16	53° 09'.00N	005° 19'.00W	Meridian of longitude
17	52° 59'.00N	005° 19'.00W	Parallel of latitude
18	52° 59'.00N	005° 22'.50W	Meridian of longitude
19	52° 52'.00N	005° 22'.50W	Parallel of latitude
20	52° 52'.00N	005° 24'.50W	Meridian of longitude
21	52° 44'.00N	005° 24'.50W	Parallel of latitude
22	52° 44'.00N	005° 28'.00W	Meridian of longitude
23	52° 32'.00N	005° 28'.00W	Parallel of latitude
24	52° 32'.00N	005° 22'.80W	Meridian of longitude
25	52° 24'.00N	005° 22'.80W	Parallel of latitude
26	52° 24'.00N	005° 35'.00W	Meridian of longitude
27	52° 16'.00N	005° 35'.00W	Parallel of latitude
28	52° 16'.00N	005° 39'.00W	Meridian of longitude
29	52° 12'.00N	005° 39'.00W	Parallel of latitude
30	52° 12'.00N	005° 42'.00W	Meridian of longitude
31	52° 08'.00N	005° 42'.00W	Parallel of latitude

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32	52° 08'.00N	005° 46'.00W	Meridian of longitude
33	52° 04'.00N	005° 46'.00W	Parallel of latitude
34	52° 04'.00N	005° 50'.00W	Meridian of longitude
35	52° 00'.00N	005° 50'.00W	Parallel of latitude
36	52° 00'.00N	005° 54'.00W	Meridian of longitude
37	51° 58'.00N	005° 54'.00W	Parallel of latitude
38	51° 58'.00N	005° 57'.00W	Meridian of longitude
39	51° 54'.00N	005° 57'.00W	Parallel of latitude
40	51° 54'.00N	006° 00'.00W	Meridian of longitude
41	51° 50'.00N	006° 00'.00W	Parallel of latitude
42	51° 50'.00N	006° 06'.00W	Meridian of longitude
43	51° 40'.00N	006° 06'.00W	Parallel of latitude
44	51° 40'.00N	006° 18'.00W	Meridian of longitude
45	51° 30'.00N	006° 18'.00W	Parallel of latitude
46	51° 30'.00N	006° 33'.00W	Meridian of longitude
47	51° 20'.00N	006° 33'.00W	Parallel of latitude
48	51° 20'.00N	006° 42'.00W	Meridian of longitude
49	51° 10'.00N	006° 42'.00W	Parallel of latitude
50	51° 10'.00N	006° 48'.00W	Meridian of longitude
51	51° 00'.00N	006° 48'.00W	Parallel of latitude
52	51° 00'.00N	007° 03'.00W	Meridian of longitude
53	50° 50'.00N	007° 03'.00W	Parallel of latitude
54	50° 50'.00N	007° 12'.00W	Meridian of longitude
55	50° 40'.00N	007° 12'.00W	Parallel of latitude
56	50° 40'.00N	007° 36'.00W	Meridian of longitude
57	50° 30'.00N	007° 36'.00W	Parallel of latitude
58	50° 30'.00N	008° 00'.00W	Meridian of longitude
59	50° 20'.00N	008° 00'.00W	Parallel of latitude
60	50° 20'.00N	008° 12'.00W	Meridian of longitude
61	50° 10'.00N	008° 12'.00W	Parallel of latitude
62	50° 10'.00N	008° 24'.00W	Meridian of longitude
63	50° 00'.00N	008° 24'.00W	Parallel of latitude
64	50° 00'.00000N	008° 32'.02264W	Meridian of longitude
65	49° 50'.00000N	008° 32'.02264W	Parallel of latitude

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66	49° 50'.00000N	008° 36'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
67	49° 40'.00000N	008° 36'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
68	49° 40'.00000N	008° 45'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
69	49° 30'.00000N	008° 45'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
70	49° 30'.00000N	009° 03'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
71	49° 20'.00000N	009° 03'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
72	49° 20'.00000N	009° 12'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
73	49° 10'.00000N	009° 12'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
74	49° 10'.00000N	009° 17'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
75	49° 00'.00000N	009° 17'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
76	49° 00'.00000N	009° 24'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
77	48° 50'.00000N	009° 24'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
78	48° 50'.00000N	009° 24'.53688W	Meridian of longitude
79	48° 30'.00000N	009° 24'.53688W	Parallel of latitude
80	48° 30'.00000N	009° 48'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
81	48° 20'.00000N	009° 48'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
82	48° 20'.00000N	009° 55'.00241W	Meridian of longitude
83	48° 10'.81127N	009° 55'.00241W	Parallel of latitude
84	48° 10'.81127N	010° 48'.56229W	84 to 85 are joined by a line every point of which is 200 nautical miles from the nearest point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is measured.
85	47° 26'.124N	009° 52'.637W	Geodesic
86	48° 05'.935N	009° 36'.588W	Loxodrome
87	49° 11'.940N	005° 41'.587W	Loxodrome
88	49° 12'.107N	005° 40'.587W	Loxodrome
89	49° 12'.940N	005° 20'.753W	Loxodrome
90	49° 13'.307N	005° 18'.087W	Loxodrome
91	49° 14'.407N	005° 11'.087W	Loxodrome
92	49° 23'.175N	004° 32'.735W	Loxodrome
93	49° 27'.325N	004° 21'.852W	Loxodrome

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94	49° 27'.608N	004° 17'.985W	Loxodrome
95	49° 32'.075N	003° 55'.868W	Loxodrome
96	49° 32'.642N	003° 42'.818W	Loxodrome
97	49° 33'.142N	003° 34'.918W	Loxodrome
98	49° 38'.443N	003° 21'.085W	Loxodrome
99	49° 46'.443N	002° 56'.585W	Loxodrome
100	49° 57'.777N	002° 48'.485W	Loxodrome
101	50° 09'.178N	002° 03'.517W	Loxodrome
102	50° 09'.195N	001° 30'.083W	Loxodrome
103	50° 08'.395N	001° 00'.083W	Loxodrome
104	50° 07'.428N	000° 30'.082W	Loxodrome
105	50° 13'.163N	000° 15'.582W	Loxodrome
106	50° 14'.147N	000° 02'.152E	Loxodrome
107	50° 19'.630N	000° 36'.118E	Loxodrome
108	50° 23'.313N	000° 46'.570E	Loxodrome
109	50° 38'.582N	001° 07'.353E	Loxodrome
110	50° 47'.782N	001° 15'.385E	Loxodrome
111	50° 49'.463N	001° 15'.810E	Loxodrome
SECOND AREA			
112	51° 11'.962N	001° 53'.253E	Loxodrome
113	51° 14'.398N	001° 57'.218E	Loxodrome
114	51° 20'.133N	002° 02'.218E	Loxodrome
115	51° 30'.183N	002° 07'.218E	Loxodrome
116	51° 33'.417N	002° 14'.218E	Geodesic
117	51° 36'.733N	002° 15'.120E	Geodesic
118	51° 48'.250N	002° 28'.820E	Geodesic
119	51° 52'.517N	002° 32'.280E	Geodesic
120	51° 58'.950N	002° 37'.517E	Geodesic
121	52° 00'.950N	002° 39'.417E	Geodesic
122	52° 05'.250N	002° 42'.117E	Geodesic
123	52° 05'.950N	002° 42'.817E	Geodesic
124	52° 12'.350N	002° 50'.317E	Geodesic

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125	52° 17'.350N	002° 55'.917E	Geodesic
126	52° 24'.950N	003° 03'.417E	Geodesic
127	52° 37'.250N	003° 10'.917E	Geodesic
128	52° 46'.950N	003° 12'.217E	Geodesic
129	52° 52'.950N	003° 10'.417E	Geodesic
130	53° 18'.050N	003° 03'.317E	Geodesic
131	53° 28'.150N	003° 00'.917E	Geodesic
132	53° 35'.050N	002° 59'.217E	Geodesic
133	53° 40'.050N	002° 57'.317E	Geodesic
134	53° 57'.750N	002° 51'.917E	Geodesic
135	54° 22'.750N	002° 45'.717E	Geodesic
136	54° 37'.250N	002° 53'.817E	Geodesic
137	55° 45'.858N	003° 22'.130E	Geodesic
138	55° 50'.059N	003° 23'.913E	Geodesic
139	55° 55'.116N	003° 20'.915E	Geodesic
140	56° 05'.159N	003° 14'.914E	Geodesic
141	56° 35'.660N	002° 36'.712E	Geodesic
142	57° 54'.262N	001° 57'.807E	Geodesic
143	58° 25'.763N	001° 28'.905E	Geodesic
144	59° 17'.365N	001° 42'.602E	Geodesic
145	59° 53'.766N	002° 04'.501E	Geodesic
146	61° 21'.370N	001° 47'.295E	Geodesic
147	61° 44'.171N	001° 33'.493E	Geodesic
148	61° 44'.171N	001° 33'.117E	Geodesic
149	62° 16'.705N	001° 10'.571E	Geodesic
150	62° 19'.652N	001° 08'.409E	Geodesic
151	62° 22'.323N	001° 06'.363E	Geodesic
152	62° 24'.918N	001° 04'.323E	Geodesic
153	62° 27'.520N	001° 02'.187E	Geodesic
154	62° 30'.137N	000° 59'.991E	Geodesic
155	62° 32'.762N	000° 57'.697E	Geodesic
156	62° 36'.319N	000° 54'.638E	Geodesic
157	62° 39'.940N	000° 51'.383E	Geodesic
158	62° 44'.246N	000° 47'.352E	Geodesic

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159	62° 53'.466N	000° 38'.355E	Geodesic
160	62° 58'.325N	000° 33'.406E	Geodesic
161	63° 03'.320N	000° 28'.098E	Geodesic
162	63° 38'.153N	000° 11'.103W	Geodesic
163	63° 44'.189N	000° 18'.254W	Geodesic
164	63° 50'.424N	000° 25'.904W	Geodesic
165	63° 53'.224N	000° 29'.444W	Geodesic
166	63° 40'.649N	000° 47'.736W	Geodesic
167	61° 59'.233N	003° 03'.325W	Geodesic
168	61° 52'.114N	003° 11'.729W	Geodesic
169	61° 21'.611N	003° 47'.898W	Geodesic
170	61° 07'.651N	003° 59'.619W	Geodesic
171	61° 04'.449N	004° 02'.425W	Geodesic
172	61° 02'.757N	004° 03'.859W	Geodesic
173	60° 54'.979N	004° 10'.497W	Geodesic
174	60° 51'.809N	004° 14'.008W	Geodesic
175	60° 47'.717N	004° 18'.541W	Geodesic
176	60° 24'.077N	004° 44'.272W	Geodesic
177	60° 21'.101N	004° 56'.672W	Geodesic
178	60° 18'.754N	005° 24'.195W	Geodesic
179	60° 13'.128N	006° 25'.047W	Geodesic
180	59° 59'.536N	009° 43'.613W	Geodesic
181	60° 02'.419N	010° 33'.611W	Geodesic
182	60° 03'.090N	010° 52'.953W	Geodesic
183	60° 02'.833N	011° 16'.458W	Geodesic
184	60° 07'.306N	012° 17'.622W	Geodesic
185	60° 09'.031N	013° 16'.199W	185 to 186 are joined by a line every point of which is 200 nautical miles from the nearest point on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is measured.
186	56° 34'.63126N	014° 19'.86168W	Parallel of latitude

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Line Type to following point</i>
187	56° 34'.63126N	014° 10'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
188	56° 40'.00000N	014° 10'.00000W	Parallel of latitude
189	56° 40'.00000N	014° 00'.00000W	Meridian of longitude
190	56° 42'.00N	014° 00'.00W	Parallel of latitude
191	56° 42'.00N	012° 12'.00W	Meridian of longitude
192	56° 32'.50N	012° 12'.00W	Parallel of latitude
193	56° 32'.50N	010° 30'.00W	Meridian of longitude
194	56° 21'.50N	010° 30'.00W	Parallel of latitude
195	56° 21'.50N	009° 07'.00W	Meridian of longitude
196	56° 10'.00N	009° 07'.00W	Parallel of latitude
197	56° 10'.00N	008° 39'.50W	Meridian of longitude
198	56° 05'.00N	008° 39'.50W	Parallel of latitude
199	56° 05'.00N	008° 13'.00W	Meridian of longitude
200	56° 00'.00N	008° 13'.00W	Parallel of latitude
201	56° 00'.00N	007° 23'.00W	Meridian of longitude
202	55° 55'.00N	007° 23'.00W	Parallel of latitude
203	55° 55'.00N	007° 15'.00W	Meridian of longitude
204	55° 50'.00N	007° 15'.00W	Parallel of latitude
205	55° 50'.00N	007° 08'.00W	Meridian of longitude
206	55° 45'.00N	007° 08'.00W	Parallel of latitude
207	55° 45'.00N	007° 02'.00W	Meridian of longitude
208	55° 40'.00N	007° 02'.00W	Parallel of latitude
209	55° 40'.00N	006° 57'.00W	Meridian of longitude
210	55° 35'.00N	006° 57'.00W	Parallel of latitude
211	55° 35'.00N	006° 51'.00W	Meridian of longitude
212	55° 30'.00N	006° 51'.00W	Parallel of latitude
213	55° 30'.00N	006° 48'.00W	Meridian of longitude
214	55° 28'.00N	006° 48'.00W	Parallel of latitude
215	55° 28'.00N	006° 45'.00W	Straight line
216	55° 24'.89173N	006° 44'.64809W	

SCHEDULE B

Article 3

<i>Point No.</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Line Type to following point</i>
176	60° 24'.077N	004° 44'.272W	Geodesic
217	60° 21'.886N	004° 46'.621W	Geodesic
218	60° 09'.891N	005° 13'.717W	Geodesic
219	60° 01'.549N	005° 32'.169W	Geodesic
220	59° 56'.494N	006° 04'.907W	Geodesic
221	59° 49'.792N	008° 38'.602W	Geodesic
222	59° 50'.490N	009° 34'.037W	Geodesic
223	59° 57'.425N	010° 29'.895W	Geodesic
183	60° 02'.833N	011° 16'.458W	Geodesic

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under Section 41 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 provision is made for the declaration around the United Kingdom of an exclusive economic zone, that is to say a zone in which the United Kingdom may exercise the rights under Part V of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; these rights relate principally to the water column and may extend to 200 nautical miles from baselines.

Article 2 of this Order declares the area of the United Kingdom's exclusive economic zone. It reflects the treaties which have been concluded with the Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and Norway, and the understanding with Germany. Article 3 is required because under the treaties with Denmark relating to the Faroe Islands the area to the north of the line specified can only be utilised for the purposes of renewable energy and gas storage with the prior consent of Denmark. The Orders referred to in Article 1(2) are revoked because they are superseded by the declaration of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

The treaties in question are:

Belgium: Exchange of Letters of 25 June and 12 August 2013 (Cm 8723);

Denmark: Exchange of Notes of 22 October 2009 (relating to the North Sea) (Cm 7893);

Agreement of 18 May 1999 (relating to the Faroe Islands) (Cm 4514);

Protocol of 25 April 2012 (relating to the Faroe Islands) (Cm 8570);

France: Exchange of Letters of 20 April 2011 (Cm 8146);

Ireland: Agreement of 28 March 2013 (Cm 8666);

Netherlands: Exchange of Notes of 19 April and 3 July 2013 (Cm 8724);

Norway: Exchange of Notes of 30 April 2009 (Cm 7731).

