Submission of Finland

[27 June 2022]

No 463/1956

Act on the Delimitation of the Territorial Waters of Finland

(as amended by Act No 144/1965, Act No 332/1966 and Act No 981/1995)

Section 3 (Act No 981/1995)

The internal waters shall mean that part of the territorial waters the landward limits of which consist of the mean water line along the coast and, at river mouths, of a straight line across the mouth between the limit points situated on the mean water line of the banks, and the seaward outer limits of which consist of straight baselines, the points of which are located on the outermost landmarks, either on the mainland or on islands, rocks or low-water elevations.

Section 4 (Act No 981/1995)

The base points referred to in section 3 above shall be selected from among points located above the mean water level at a certain epoch, designated on the basis of long-term water level measurements. Even points below the said level may be used as base points, provided that they are at least periodically within sight and a lighthouse or other installation permanently above the sea level has been built on them.

The base points and the location of the landward limits of the internal waters, referred to in section 3 above, shall be reviewed every thirty years.
