

Law No. 71 of 1958 delimiting the Iraqi territorial waters

Article 1

The Iraqi territorial sea, its bed and subsoil and the airspace about it shall be under the sovereignty of the Iraqi Republic, subject to the rules recognized by international law pertaining to the innocent passage of the ships of other countries through the said sea.

Article 2

The Iraqi territorial sea extends twelve nautical miles (a nautical mile is equivalent to 1,852 metres) in the direction of the high sea, measured from the low-water mark following the sinuosities of the Iraqi coast.

Article 3

In case the territorial sea of another State interlaps with the Iraqi territorial sea, the limits between the two territorial seas shall be determined by agreement with the State concerned in accordance with the recognized rules of international law or with such understanding as may be reached between the two States.

Article 4

No provisions in this Law shall infringe Iraq's other internationally recognized rights in the two maritime belts known as the contiguous zone and the continental shelf following the Iraqi territorial sea in the direction of the high sea. Nor shall any provisions in this Law infringe the official proclamations issued by the Iraqi Government in this respect.