

**Legislative Decree No. 138 concerning territorial waters and sea areas,
of 7 September 1983**

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Article 1

Subject to compliance with the provisions of international conventions to which Lebanon is a party or a signatory, the width of (Lebanon's) territorial waters is hereby fixed at 12 nautical miles from the seashore, starting from the lowest level of ebb tide.

Article 2

The creation within territorial waters of areas that are out of bounds to ships and the specification of navigation routes may be effected by virtue of a Council of Ministers decree issued on the recommendation of the Minister of Public Works and Transport and the Ministers of Finance and National Defence.

The above-mentioned decree shall specify the types of vessels affected by the provisions of this Legislative Decree.

Article 3

Every infringement of the provisions of article 2 above is punishable by a fine ranging from five thousand to twenty thousand Lebanese pounds. Subject to a decision by the Minister of Public Works and Transport, the offender may also be disreputed and the ship banned entry into Lebanese ports.

The collection of fines shall be effected in accordance with laws and regulations in force.

In the event of other laws and regulations in force being violated, the application of the penalty provided for in this Legislative Decree shall not prevent the imposition of the penalty provided for in those laws and regulations.

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