

**Decree of 23 October 1985 governing the implementation of
section 1 of the Territorial Sea of the Kingdom in the
Netherlands Antilles (Extension) Act**

Article 1

1. The territorial sea of the Kingdom in the Netherlands Antilles shall extend to the line every point of which is at a distance of twelve international nautical miles, being twenty-two kilometres and two hundred and twenty-four metres, measured seawards from the nearest point of the low-water line along the coast or from the baselines or closing lines referred to in articles 3 and 4, with the proviso that where naturally-formed low-tide elevations that are surrounded by water at high tide are situated within this distance, the measurement shall be made from the nearest point of the low-water line on that elevation.
2. The low-water line shall be the contour line at 0 metres or, where this does not exist, the coastline or edge of low-tide reefs, as marked on large-scale Dutch charts.

Article 2

The low-water line along the coast, together with the baselines referred to in articles 3 and 4 in so far as they are situated seaward of the low-water line, shall form the boundary between the internal waters and the territorial sea of the Kingdom in the Netherlands Antilles.

Article 3

1. Straight baselines shall be drawn through the arcs of the great circles which connect the following points along the southern coast of the island of Aruba by the shortest distance:

| <u>Situated at</u> | | <u>North Latitude</u> | <u>West Longitude</u> |
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| a. | from point A1 | 12°32'30" | 70°03'41" |
| | via A2 | 12°31'30" | 70°02'55" |
| | to A3 | 12°30'30" | 70°01'59" |
| b. | from A4 | 12°29'08",5 | 70°00'28",5 |
| | to A5 | 12°28'58" | 70°00'10",5 |
| c. | from A6 | 12°27'00" | 69°57'02",5 |
| | to A7 | 12°26'54",5 | 69°56'57",5 |
| d. | from A8 | 12°26'25",5 | 69°56'01",5 |
| | via A9 | 12°26'03",5 | 69°55'10" |
| | to A10 | 12°25'56" | 69°54'50" |
| e. | from A11 | 12°25'34",5 | 69°54'10",5 |
| | via A12 | 12°25'04" | 69°53'39" |
| | to A13 | 12°25'02" | 69°52'59" |

2. The positions of points A1 to A13 are expressed in longitude and latitude according to South American Co-ordinates (Provisional South American Datum 1956).

Article 4

1. Closing lines shall be drawn between the natural entrance points of the bays named below:

| | | <u>North latitude</u> | <u>West longitude</u> |
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| a. On the island of Aruba: | | | |
| (i) Boca di Pos di Noord | point 1 | 12°34'39",5 | 70°00'01",4 |
| | 2 | 12°34'37",0 | 69°59'58",0 |
| (ii) Boca Mahos | 1 | 12°33'22",9 | 69°58'21",1 |
| | 2 | 12°33'21",4 | 69°58'17",3 |
| (iii) Bay, unnamed, 0.3 nautical miles southeast of (ii) | 1 | 12°33'18",5 | 69°58'09",2 |
| | 2 | 12°33'14",5 | 69°58'05",0 |
| (iiia) Bay, southeast of Andicuri | point 1 | 12°32'27",3 | 69°56'34",7 |
| | 2 | 12°32'24",7 | 69°56'30",7 |
| (iv) Daimari | 1 | 12°32'05",4 | 69°56'12",7 |
| | 2 | 12°32'01",9 | 69°56'09",0 |
| (v) Dos Playa | 1 | 12°30'38",2 | 69°54'57",5 |
| | 2 | 12°30'31",8 | 69°54'52",2 |
| (vi) Boca Druif | 1 | 12°30'13",6 | 69°54'22",8 |
| | 2 | 12°30'10",9 | 69°54'18",4 |
| (vii) Boca Pries | 1 | 12°30'09",0 | 69°54'17",1 |
| | 2 | 12°30'03",1 | 69°54'11",9 |
| (viii) Boca Grandi | 1 | 12°26'41",7 | 69°52'07",9 |
| | 2 | 12°26'27",2 | 69°52'08",6 |
| (ix) Klein Lagoen | 1 | 12°24'56",1 | 69°52'41",1 |
| | 2 | 12°24'54",3 | 69°52'50",3 |
| b. On the islands of Bonaire and Klein Bonaire: | | | |
| (i) Boca Onima | 1 | 12°15'29",1 | 68°18'31",8 |
| | 2 | 12°15'27",5 | 68°18'27",9 |
| (ii) Lagun | 1 | 12°11'09",7 | 68°12'27",9 |
| | 2 | 12°11'01",3 | 68°12'27",0 |
| (iii) Boca Washi Kemba | 1 | 12°10'38",6 | 68°12'20",9 |

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| | 2 | 12°10'35",4 | 68°12'20",4 |
| (iv) Lac | 1 | 12°06'22",3 | 68°13'10",7 |
| | 2 | 12°06'14",5 | 68°13'18",9 |
| c. On the island of Curacao: | | | |
| (i) Bartolbaai | 1 | 12°20'11",7 | 69°03'31",9 |
| | 2 | 12°20'07",2 | 69°03'30",0 |
| (ii) Playa Grandi | 1 | 12°19'07",6 | 69°03'05",1 |
| | 2 | 12°18'56",7 | 69°03'05",6 |
| (iii) Boca Ascension | 1 | 12°16'45",5 | 69°02'52",7 |
| | 2 | 12°16'37",4 | 69°02'50",2 |
| (iv) Boca Playa Canoa | point 1 | 12°10'45",0 | 68°51'56",0 |
| | 2 | 12°10'45",4 | 68°51'47",4 |
| (v) Bay near Landhuis Santa Catarina | 1 | 12°09'39",9 | 68°49'39",4 |
| | 2 | 12°09'39",5 | 68°49'38",1 |
| (vi) St. Jorisbaai | 1 | 12°08'00",7 | 68°48'14",8 |
| | 2 | 12°07'51",5 | 68°48'10",6 |
| (vii) Awa Di Oostpunt | 1 | 12°02'46",3 | 68°44'07",9 |
| | 2 | 12°02'44",0 | 68°44'13",8 |
| (viii) Fujukbaai | 1 | 12°03'07",1 | 68°49'44",5 |
| | 2 | 12°03'09",6 | 68°49'49",2 |
| (ix) Spaanse Haven | 1 | 12°03'58",9 | 68°50'55",0 |
| | 2 | 12°03'59",2 | 68°51'08",0 |
| (x) Caracasbaai | 1 | 12°04'13",0 | 68°51'34",9 |
| | 2 | 12°04'26",0 | 68°52'16",5 |
| (xi) St. Annabaai | 1 | 12°06'25",3 | 68°56'01",5 |
| | 2 | 12°06'28",5 | 68°56'11",5 |
| (xii) Piscaderabaai | 1 | 12°07'24",0 | 68°58'05",7 |
| | 2 | 12°07'33",2 | 68°58'08",3 |
| (xiii) Boca Grandi/ San Juan Baai | 1 | 12°15'03",3 | 69°06'21",8 |
| | 2 | 12°15'12",3 | 69°06'27",9 |
| (xiv) Boca Sta. Maria | 1 | 12°16'16",2 | 69°07'36",5 |
| | 2 | 12°16'17",4 | 69°07'37",7 |
| d. On the island of Saba: | | | |
| (i) Cove Baai and Spring Baai | 1 | 17°38'34",3 | 63°13'07",1 |
| | 2 | 17°38'13",5 | 63°13'02",8 |

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| (ii) Core Gut Baai | 1 | 17°37'50",7 | 63°13'00",8 |
| | 2 | 17°37'43",6 | 63°13'06",0 |
| (iii) Fort Baai | 1 | 17°36'53",8 | 63°15'08",3 |
| | 2 | 17°36'56",7 | 63°15'11",4 |
| e. On the island of Sint Maarten: | | | |
| (i) Groot Baai | 1 | 18°00'16",2 | 63°02'39",8 |
| | 2 | 18°00'43",0 | 63°03'38",2 |
| (ii) Klein Baai | 1 | 18°00'44",9 | 63°03'41",3 |
| | 2 | 18°00'57",1 | 63°04'12",8 |
| (iii) Simson Baai | 1 | 18°01'36",9 | 63°05'50",8 |
| | 2 | 18°01'53",8 | 63°06'57",1 |

2. The positions of the points referred to in paragraph 1 above, under a, b and c, are expressed according to South American Co-ordinates (Provisional South American Datum 1956) and under d and e according to North American Datum 1927.

Article 5

1. Where a boundary between two States has been agreed that lies within twelve nautical miles of the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured, this boundary shall mark the outer limit of the territorial sea.

2. Where a boundary between two States has not yet been agreed, the limit of the territorial sea shall lie along the median line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial seas of each of the two States is measured.

Article 6

This general administrative order shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of its publication in the Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees (Staatsblad).