

**Royal Decree of 17 December 1976 relating to the establishment  
of the Economic Zone of Norway**

(1) Pursuant to the Act of 17 December 1976 relating to the economic zone of Norway, the economic zone shall be established in the waters off the Norwegian mainland with effect from 1 January 1977. The outer limit for the economic zone shall be at a distance of 200 nautical miles (1 nautical mile = 1,852 metres) from and parallel to the established baselines. Where the economic zone is adjacent to the area of jurisdiction of another State, the limit shall be drawn according to agreement.

(2) Pursuant to the Act of 17 December 1976 relating to the economic zone of Norway, paragraph 4, subparagraph B, from 1 January 1977 and until further notice, access to fishing and hunting in Norway's economic zone, beyond a distance of 12 nautical miles from the established baselines and on the terms deriving from items (3) and (4) below, shall be accorded to fishermen from states which have entered into an agreement with Norway concerning such access to fishing and hunting, or which are engaged in negotiations with Norway with a view to arriving at such an agreement.

(3) Pursuant to paragraph 4 in the said Act, the Ministry of Fisheries shall be empowered to issue regulations on fishing and hunting in the economic zone, comprising provisions in respect of quotas and other catch limitations, including are limitations, for such foreign fishing operations as may take place according to item (2) above. The Ministry of Fisheries shall likewise be empowered, pursuant to paragraph 6 in the Act, to issue regulations on exceptions to provisions in paragraph 3 of the said Act, first paragraph, second sentence.

(4) With effect from 1 January 1977, foreign vessels engaged in fishing or hunting in Norway's economic zone, in accordance with the provisions in items (2) and (3) above, shall notify the directorate of Fisheries in Bergen as to when such fishing is commenced and discontinued, and shall submit weekly reports on the amount of catch harvested of each separate species of fish and on the catch areas. In cases where quotas for the year 1977 have not yet been determined, the volume of catch taken shall be regarded as an advance to be deducted from such quotas as may be allocated at a later date.

(5) The provisions laid down above do not affect the provisions in the royal decree of 31 January 1975 on the introduction of certain no-trawling zones, of the Act of no-trawling zones of 17 January 1975.