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## A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

Short  
title.  
2(a) of 95(I)/2014  
2(b) of 95(I)/2014.

1. This Law may be cited as the Territorial Sea Laws, 1964 and 2014.

Interpretation.  
3 of 95(I)/2014.

2.-(1) In this Law unless the context otherwise requires –

“baselines” means the lines along the coast of the Republic, the geographical co-ordinates of which, as well as the relevant chart, wherein such lines are shown, were deposited with the Secretary - General of the United Nations, on 3 May 1993, or as from time to time amended;

203 of 1988.

“Convention” means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, which was ratified by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Ratification) Law, 1988;

“nautical mile” means the distance of one thousand eight hundred and fifty two (1852) metres;

“Republic” means the Republic of Cyprus;

“territorial sea” means the maritime zone the breadth of which is defined in section 3 and over which the sovereignty of the Republic extends.

(2) References in other laws or regulations of the Republic to the term “territorial waters” have the same meaning as the term “territorial sea”.

(3) Terms not otherwise defined in this section shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Convention and in case of conflict between this Law and the Convention, the interpretation of the Convention shall prevail.

Breadth  
of the  
territorial sea.  
3 of 95(I)/2014.

**3.**Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the territorial sea of the Republic extends up to a breadth of twelve nautical miles from the baselines.

Waters  
on the  
landward side  
of the  
baselines.  
4 of 95(I)/2014.

**4.**The waters on the landward side of the baselines form part of the internal waters of the Republic.

Power to  
the Council  
of Ministers  
to amend  
the baselines.  
4 of 95(I)/2014.

**5.**-(1) The Council of Ministers may, by a decision thereof, amend the baselines and deposit with the Secretary – General of the United Nations, the amended geographical co-ordinates as well as a relevant chart on which they will be shown.

(2) The amended geographical co-ordinates of the baselines shall be made public by a notification of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic.