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**Decree No. 2017-1511 of 30 October 2017 defining the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the French Antilles is measured**

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Relevant parties: foreign States and, more widely, all users of the sea.

Purpose: definition and publication of the geographical coordinates of the baselines from which the territorial sea adjacent to the French Antilles islands is measured.

Entry into force: the text shall enter into force on the day following its publication.

Note: in order to be enforceable against third countries, the maritime areas defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea must be delimited and the relevant information must then be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Delimiting those maritime areas, which are depicted on charts by the Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service, requires first defining the point of origin constituted by the baseline. The present decree does so with regard

to Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint-Barthélemy and Saint-Martin.

References: the present decree is issued pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2 of Ordinance No. 2016-1687 of 8 December 2016 relating to the maritime areas under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Republic of France.

It repeals and replaces Decree No. 99-324 of 21 April 1999 defining the straight baselines and closing lines of bays used to determine the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Martinique and Guadeloupe regions is measured.

It can be accessed on the Légifrance website (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>).

The Prime Minister,

On the report of the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs,

Having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, signed in Montego Bay on 10 December 1982,

Having regard to Ordinance No. 2016-1687 of 8 December 2016 relating to the maritime areas under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Republic of France,

Having regard to Decree No. 2015-1180 of 25 September 2015 defining the outer limits of the continental shelf off the coast of Martinique and Guadeloupe,

Hereby decrees:

## **Article 1**

The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the French Antilles (Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint-Barthélemy and Saint-Martin) is measured shall be defined by the base points and lines indicated in the tables contained in articles 2 to 5 and articles 6 and 7.

All the coordinates are expressed in degrees, minutes and seconds (dd-mm-ss) in the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).

These tables contain the following information:

- First column: island;
- Second column: point;
- Third column: name of point, where applicable;
- Fourth column: north latitude;
- Fifth column: west longitude;
- Sixth column: type of line connecting the base point to the next base point; this line may be a rhumb line (a straight baseline) or the low-water line.

## Article 2

The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Martinique is measured shall be defined by the following base points and lines:

Island	Point	Name	Latitude (dd-mm-ss)	Longitude (ddd-mm-ss)	Type of line
Martinique	MA01	Pointe de Marigot	14-49-49 N	061-01-44 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA02	La Caravelle	14-48-26 N	060-52-46 W	Rhumb line

Martinique	MA03	Loup-Garou	14-40-57 N	060-50-53 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA04	Pointe du Vauclin	14-34-05 N	060-49-30 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA05	Pointe Macré	14-28-50 N	060-48-37 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA06	Cap Ferré	14-27-37 N	060-48-33 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA07	Illet à Toisroux	14-24-38 N	060-49-55 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA08	Illet Cabrits	14-23-19 N	060-52-02 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA09	Rocher du Diamant	14-26-31 N	061-02-20 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA10	Pointe du Diamant	14-27-25 N	061-03-53 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA11	Morne Jacqueline	14-28-15 N	061-04-56 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA12	Cap Salomon	14-30-28 N	061-06-03 W	Rhumb line
Martinique	MA13	Cap Enragé	14-38-59 N	061-09-09 W	Low-water line
Martinique	MA01	Pointe de Marigot	14-49-49 N	061-01-44 W	-

### Article 3

The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Guadeloupe is measured shall be defined by the following base points and lines:

Island	Point	Name	Latitude (dd-mm-ss)	Longitude (ddd-mm-ss)	Type of line
Grande-Terre	GU01	Pointe Poirier	16-27-55 N	061-24-35 W	Rhumb line
La Désirade	GU02	Pointe du Grand Abaque	16-21-03 N	061-00-40 W	Low-water line
La Désirade	GU03	Pointe Doublé	16-20-01 N	061-00-02 W	Rhumb line
Petite Terre	GU04	Eastern point of Terre-de-Haut	16-10-44 N	061-06-06 W	Rhumb line
Marie-Galante	GU05	Reefs south of Pointe de Tali	15-55-05 N	061-11-35 W	Low-water line
Marie-Galante	GU06	Pointe des Basses	15-51-58 N	061-16-46 W	Rhumb line
Les Saintes	GU07	Pointe des Colibris on Grand Ilet	15-49-55 N	061-35-07 W	Rhumb line
Les Saintes	GU08	Southern point of La Coche	15-50-03 N	061-36-28 W	Rhumb line

Les Saintes	GU09	Southern point of Terre-de-Bas	15-50-22 N	061-38-01 W	Low-water line
Les Saintes	GU10	Gros Cap on Terre-de-Bas	15-50-52 N	061-39-03 W	Rhumb line
Basse-Terre	GU11	Pointe du Vieux Fort	15-56-52 N	061-42-28 W	Low-water line
Basse-Terre	GU12	Pointe Soldat	16-18-02 N	061-48-09 W	Rhumb line
Basse-Terre	GU13	Pointe du Gros Morne	16-18-44 N	061-48-10 W	Rhumb line
Basse-Terre	GU14	Illet à Kahouanne	16-22-14 N	061-46-55 W	Rhumb line
Basse-Terre	GU15	Tête à l'Anglais	16-22-55 N	061-45-56 W	Rhumb line
Grande-Terre	GU16	Pointe Petite Tortue	16-30-44 N	061-28-13 W	Low-water line
Grande-Terre	GU01	Pointe Poirier	16-27-55 N	061-24-35 W	-

#### Article 4

The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Saint-Barthélemy is measured shall be defined by the following base points and lines:

Island	Point	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Type of line
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Saint- Barthélemy	SB01	Pointe à Toiny	17-53-43 N	062-47-30 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB02	Roches Roubes east	17-52-19 N	062-47-50 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB03	Roches Roubes south	17-52-18 N	062-47-52 W	Rhumb line
Saint - Barthélemy	SB04	Ile Coco, southern islet	17-52-15 N	062-48-41 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB05	Grande Pointe	17-52-42 N	062-50-17 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB06	Le Pain de Sucre	17-53-47 N	062-52-35 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB07	Mancel or La Poule et les Poussins, southern islet	17-56-46 N	062-57-04 W	Rhumb line
Saint- Barthélemy	SB08	Mancel or La Poule et les Poussins, western islet	17-56-52 N	062-57-03 W	Rhumb line
Saint-	SB09	Mancel or La	17-57-10 N	062-56-50 W	Rhumb line

Barthélemy		Poule et les Poussins, northern islet			
Saint-Barthélemy	SB10	Roche Plate or Table à Diable	17-58-27 N	062-55-35 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Barthélemy	SB11	Ile le Boulanger	17-57-25 N	062-52-03 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Barthélemy	SB12	Ile Toc Vers	17-56-45 N	062-49-06 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Barthélemy	SB13	Les Grenadins	17-55-26 N	062-47-40 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Barthélemy	SB14	Eastern point of Anse du Petit Cul-de-Sac	17-54-39 N	062-47-23 W	Low-water line
Saint-Barthélemy	SB01	Pointe à Toiny	17-53-43 N	062-47-30 W	-

### Article 5

The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to Saint-Martin is measured shall be defined by the following base points and lines:

Island	Point	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Type of line
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			(dd-mm-ss)	(ddd-mm-ss)	
Saint-Martin	SM00	Point of delimitation between the maritime areas of France and of the Netherlands <sup>1</sup> (Cupecoy Baai)	18-03-10 N	063-08-20 W	Low-water line
Saint-Martin	SM01	Falaise aux Oiseaux	18-04-25 N	063-08-29 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM02	Pointe du Bluff	18-04-38 N	063-06-52 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM03	Pointe Arago	18-05-13 N	063-05-07 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM04	Northern point of Anse Guichard	18-05-57 N	063-04-30 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM05	Rocher Crole	18-07-06 N	063-03-25 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM06	Pointe des Froussards	18-07-25 N	063-02-17 W	Low-water line
Saint-Martin	SM07	Petites Cayes	18-07-28 N	063-01-35 W	Rhumb line
Tintamarre	SM08	Northern point	18-07-30 N	062-58-38 W	Low-water line

<sup>1</sup> Point C defined in the agreement of 27 March 2015 between France and the Netherlands on maritime delimitations

Tintamarre	SM09	North-eastern point	18-07-30 N	062-58-13 W	Rhumb line
Tintamarre	SM10	Eastern point	18-07-14 N	062-58-15 W	Rhumb line
Tintamarre	SM11	South-eastern islet	18-07-04 N	062-58-20 W	Rhumb line
Saint-Martin	SM12	Babit Point	18-03-14 N	063-00-37 W	Low-water line (including permanent harbour works)
Saint-Martin	SM13	Point on the low-water line of Étang aux Huîtres, at the point of separation between the areas under the sovereignty of France and of the Netherlands <sup>2</sup>	18-03-22 N	063-01-09 W	-

## Article 6

The low-water line of low-tide elevations situated wholly or partly at a distance from the French Antilles that does not exceed the breadth of the territorial sea shall be used to determine the

<sup>2</sup> Point SM13 corresponds to the point on the low-water line that is aligned with the land border between the areas under the sovereignty of France and of the Netherlands

baselines.

### **Article 7**

Permanent harbour works shall be used to determine the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the French Antilles is measured.

### **Article 8**

Article 1 of Decree No. 2015-1180 of 25 September 2015 defining the outer limits of the continental shelf off the coast of Martinique and Guadeloupe shall be amended as follows: the longitude coordinate for point PF05 in the third row of the third column of the table shall read “056° 22’01”” instead of “056° 22’31 ””.

### **Article 9**

Decree No. 99-324 of 21 April 1999 defining the straight baselines and closing lines of bays used to determine the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Martinique and Guadeloupe regions is measured is repealed.

### **Article 10**

The Minister of the Interior, the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Armed Forces and the Minister of Overseas Territories shall be responsible, within their respective mandates, for the implementation of the present decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the French Republic.

Done on 30 October 2017.

By the Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe

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