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**Ministry of Overseas Territories**

**Decree No. 2014-1309 of 30 October 2014 defining the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Department of Réunion is measured**

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Relevant parties: Foreign States whose vessels operate in the French territorial sea of Réunion Island.

Purpose: Definition of the baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea around Réunion Island 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 States, the maritime areas defined in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf) must be delimited and the relevant information must then be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. In order for the Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service to delimit those maritime areas, the point of origin constituted by the baseline must first be defined. The present decree does so with regard to the French territorial sea adjacent to the Department of Réunion.

References: The present decree can be accessed on the Légifrance website (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr>).

The Prime Minister,

On the report of the Minister of Overseas Territories,

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

Having regard to Act No. 71-1060 of 24 December 1971 regarding the delimitation of French territorial waters,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1. - The baselines from which the breadth of the French territorial sea adjacent to the Department of Réunion is measured shall be defined by the base points and lines indicated in the table in article 2.

In the table, all coordinates are expressed in the national geodetic system, which is compatible with the World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84).

The table contains the following information:

- First column: island;
- Second column: point;
- Third column: name of point, where applicable;
- Fourth column: south latitude;
- Fifth column: east 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 as shown in the applicable large-scale nautical charts published by the Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service.

Article 2. - The baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea adjacent to the Department of Réunion is measured shall be defined by the following base points and lines:

Island	Point	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Type of line
Réunion	LR01	Cap la Houssaye	21° 01' 04" S	55° 14' 07" E	Rhumb line
Réunion	LR02	Pointe des Galets	20° 55' 36" S	55° 17' 01" E	Low-water line
Réunion	LR01	Cap la Houssaye	21° 01' 04" S '	55° 14' 07" E	-

Article 3. - The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Overseas Territories and the Deputy Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy with responsibility for Transport, the Sea and Fisheries, 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 2014.

By the Prime Minister, Manuel Valls

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