

Act No. 597 of 17 December 1976
on the Fishing Territory of the Kingdom of Denmark

1. (1) The Prime Minister shall be empowered to enact that the fishing territory of the Kingdom of Denmark be extended to a breadth of 200 nautical miles (1 nautical mile = 1,852 metres) so that the fishing territory, in addition to the internal waters, shall comprise waters along the coasts of the Kingdom of Denmark, delimited by a line (the fishing limit) which at every point is 200 nautical miles from the baselines applicable at any given time. The extension may be effected for one area at a time.

(2) Failing any agreement to the contrary, the delimitation of the fishing territory, relative to foreign States whose coasts are situated at a distance of less than 400 nautical miles opposite the coasts of the Kingdom of Denmark or adjacent to Denmark, shall be a line which at every point is equidistant from the nearest points on the baselines at the coasts of the two States (the median line).

(3) Detailed provisions governing the delimitation of the fishing territory of the Faroe Islands shall be laid down by Royal Ordinance.

2. (1) This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 1977.

(2) In step with the extension of the fishing territory in pursuance of section 1, subsection (1) of this Act, section 1, subsections (2) and (3) of the Salt Water Fisheries Act (Act No. 195 of 26 May 1965) shall be repealed while in the Commercial Hunting, Fishing and Shooting Activities Act for Greenland (Act No. 413 of 13 June 1973), the words "12 nautical miles" in section 1, subsection (1), shall be amended to read "200 nautical miles".

(3) The Fishing Territory of Denmark Act (Act No. 207 of 12 June 1964) shall be repealed.