

Civil Code as amended by Decree No. 256-CLP of 27 February 1970(1)

Book II, Title III - National Property

Article 628

The adjacent sea, to a distance of 200 nautical miles measured from the low-water mark, at the most salient points of the continental Ecuadorian coast and the outer-most islands of the Colón Archipelago, according to the baseline to be indicated by Executive Decree, shall constitute the territorial sea and be part of the national domain.

The adjacent sea between the baseline referred to in the preceding paragraph and the low-water mark shall constitute internal waters and be part of the national domain.

If maritime police and defence zones more extensive than those specified in the preceding paragraphs are determined under relevant international treaties, the provisions of such treaties shall prevail.

The different zones of the territorial sea that shall be subject to the régime of free maritime navigation or of innocent passage for foreign ships shall be established by Executive Decree.

The bed and subsoil of the adjacent sea also form part of the public domain.

Article 629

The air space corresponding to the territory of the State, including the territorial sea as defined in the preceding article, shall also be part of the national domain.

Regulations governing the free air transit zone above the territorial sea shall be made by the Executive.

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Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

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