

**Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the State Boundary
of the Republic of Lithuania**

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania is the line and the vertical surface lying along this line, defining the limits of the territory of the Republic of Lithuania - land, waters, subsoil, and airspace.

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania is inviolable.

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania may be realigned only by an international agreement of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 2

Protection of the State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania

The protection of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be the aggregate of measures guaranteeing the inviolability of the State boundary.

The protection of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be ensured by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the basis of this Law and other laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 3

The Line of the State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall pass:

1. On land - along a line passing the points established by international agreement;
2. At sea - along a line limiting the territorial sea;
3. On navigable rivers until the delta - in the centre on the channel; in non-navigable rivers (rivulets) on the centre of the river or the riverbed; on lakes or other bodies of water - along the line which connects the intersections of the State boundary with the shoreline of a lake or other body of water. The line of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania passing on rivers (rivulets), lakes or any other bodies of water shall not change in the course of the river (rivulet) passes in a new riverbed or in case the water level in the lake or other water body changes;
4. On bridges or other structures passing over frontier water bodies - along their centre or technological axis.

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be marked on the ground by frontier marks. The form and size of boundary marks and the procedure for their installation shall be established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, on the basis of the laws and international agreements of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 4
The Territorial Sea of the Republic of Lithuania

The territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania comprises the coastal waters of Lithuania 12 miles in breadth. The limits of the territorial sea shall be established by measuring from the straight line connecting the two outermost points of the coast. The geographical coordinates of these points shall be confirmed by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

An international agreement of the Republic of Lithuania may establish different limits of the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 5
The Internal Waters of the Republic of Lithuania

The internal waters of the Republic of Lithuania shall be:

1. Sea waters of the landward side of the territorial sea;
2. Port waters limited by the line connecting the points furthest in the sea of hydrotechnical and other port structures; and
3. Rivers, lakes, bays and other bodies of water, the shores of which belong to the Republic of Lithuania.

II. THE STATE BOUNDARY REGIME OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

Article 6
The State Boundary Regime of the Republic of Lithuania

The State boundary regime of the Republic of Lithuania consists of:

1. The procedure for crossing the State boundary;
2. The procedure for carrying freight and other goods across the State boundary;
3. The procedure for navigation and sojourn of Lithuanian and foreign ships in the territorial sea and in the Lithuanian part of waters of frontier rivers, lakes, bays or other bodies of water and for the entry and sojourn of foreign ships in the internal waters and ports of Lithuania;
4. The procedure for the flights of aircraft;
5. The procedure for the maintenance of the State boundary, and for carrying out various work, commercial and other activities at the State boundary of Lithuania.

The State boundary regime of the Republic of Lithuania specified in this Law shall be established by this Law and other laws and regulatory acts of the Republic of Lithuania and international agreements of Lithuania.

Article 7
Crossing Points of the State Boundary
of the Republic of Lithuania

The crossing points of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be established by an international agreement of the Republic of Lithuania, or by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

Boundary check posts and customs posts shall be established at the crossing points of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania, and at international sea or river ports and airports.

Article 8
Procedure for Crossing the State Boundary of the Republic
of Lithuania for Persons and for Carrying Freight
and Other Goods across it

The State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania may be crossed only at the established points.

Persons crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania must present a passport or other documents conforming to international requirements for passport control.

Foreign citizens crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania must have a visa of the Republic of Lithuania. The Government of the Republic of Lithuania, provided that the Supreme Council has no objections, may establish a simplified procedure for foreign citizens for crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania.

The admission of persons, means of transport and freight shall be effected after customs inspection.

Article 9
Procedure for Crossing the Boundary by Aircraft

Aircraft shall cross the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania on special air corridors in accordance with the rules established by this Law and other laws of the Republic of Lithuania, international agreements of the Republic of Lithuania and competent State institutions. An aircraft may cross the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania outside the air corridors only upon obtaining prior permission from an institution authorized by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

Upon entering the airspace of the Republic of Lithuania, aircraft may land or take off for departure only at international airports (from airfields).

Article 10
Peaceful Navigation in the Territorial Sea
of the Republic of Lithuania

Navigation in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania shall be considered peaceful when it is not foreseen to enter the internal waters of the Republic of Lithuania or when it is foreseen to enter or leave the internal waters or ports of the Republic of Lithuania.

During peaceful navigation, a ship may stop or anchor if it is necessary for ordinary navigation or for rendering assistance to persons, ships or aircraft in distress.

Ships or river boats shall cross the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure established by this and other laws of the Republic of Lithuania, international agreements of the Republic

of Lithuania and rules established by the competent State institutions.

In relation to States which have established a right of permission of peaceful navigation of foreign warships, the right of permission of peaceful navigation for warships of those States in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania shall be established in accordance with a regulatory act of the Republic of Lithuania.

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania may designate sea lanes for ships carrying dangerous cargo, tankers and ships with nuclear engines.

Authorized State institutions shall establish special rules for the navigation of such ships, and provide sea charts with clearly marked sea lanes.

While crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania and during navigation in the territorial sea of the Republic of Lithuania, foreign submarines and other submarine transport must navigate on the surface and must show the national flag of their State.

Article 11
Procedure for Entry of Foreign Ships into the Internal Waters
and Ports of the Republic of Lithuania

Foreign ships shall have the right to enter the roadsteads and ports of the Republic of Lithuania, the list of which shall be established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

State institutions authorized by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall establish:

1. The rules for entry and sojourn of foreign ships in the internal waters, roadsteads and ports of the Republic of Lithuania;
2. The rules for servicing passengers and cargo;
3. The rules for the communication between ships and shore, and disembarkation of the crew members of a ship;
4. The procedure for visiting a ship by persons who are not free members of a crew;
5. The rules for entry and sojourn of foreign ships in the internal waters and ports of the Republic of Lithuania in the Lithuanian part of waters of frontier rivers, lakes and other bodies of water.

Article 12
Prohibition of Carrying Nuclear or Other Weapons of
Mass Destruction across the State Boundary
of the Republic of Lithuania

It shall be prohibited to carry nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction across the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania by any means.

Article 13
Military Transit across the State Boundary
of the Republic of Lithuania

Army contingents of a foreign State and military freight may be carried in transit across the State boundary of Lithuania only in accordance with the procedure established by an international agreement of the Republic of

Lithuania.

Article 14
Temporary Restrictions or Closure of Communications across the
State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania in connection
with the Spreading of Infectious Diseases

In the event of a threat of the spreading of particularly dangerous infectious diseases on the territory of the Republic of Lithuania or a foreign State, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania may:

1. Temporarily restrict or close communication across the boundary of the Republic of Lithuania;
2. Enforce quarantine on persons, cattle, birds, animals and all plant or animal products and other freight crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 15
Violators of the State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania

Violators of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be:

1. Persons, who, while crossing or attempting to cross the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania, violated the established procedure for crossing the boundary;
2. Foreign ships, which upon entering into the territorial sea or the internal waters of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania, as well as the Lithuanian part of waters of frontier rivers, lakes or other water bodies violated the established rules of entry;
3. Aircraft, having crossed the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania without permission or otherwise having committed another violation of the rules for crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania;
4. Means of land transport, having crossed the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania without permission or otherwise having committed a violation of the rules for crossing the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 16
Institution of Proceedings against Violators
of the State Boundary

Violators of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be pursued and arrested in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania. Against persons having violated the Law on the State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with legislation of the Republic of Lithuania. Foreign citizens having violated the Law on the State boundary may be extradited from the territory of the Republic of Lithuania.

III. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 17

Procedure for the Publication of Documents regulating the Regime of the State Boundary of the Republic of Lithuania

Documents regulating the crossing of the State boundary of the Republic of Lithuania shall be published in accordance with the general procedure for the publication of regulatory acts and also in special information bulletins.

Article 18

Effect of International Agreements Establishing Other Norms

In case an international agreement of the Republic of Lithuania establishes other norms or rules than provided for in this Law, the norms and rules of the international agreement of the Republic of Lithuania shall be applied.

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Appendix 2
