

CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to inform the Heads of Mission accredited to Denmark of the coming into force by Royal Decree for the Faroe Islands of Act No. 200 of 7 April 1999 on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea, by which the breadth of the territorial sea of Denmark was extended from 3 to 12 nautical miles. By the Decree, the territorial sea of the Faroe Islands is extended from 3 to 12 nautical miles, taking effect as from 1 June 2002.

In pursuance of the Decree, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has issued Executive Order No. 306 of 16 May 2002 on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea of the Faroe Islands indicating the coordinates of the baselines. At the same time, the Royal Decree on the Fishing Territory of the Faroe Islands has been amended accordingly.

Unofficial English translations of the two Royal Decrees as well as the Executive Order are attached to this Note.

Copenhagen, 30 May 2002

To all Heads of Mission
accredited to Denmark

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Decree on the Coming into Force of the Act on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea for the Faroe Islands

WE MARGRETHE THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Denmark, do hereby make known:

In pursuance of section 6(1)¹ of Act No. 200 of 7 April 1999 on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea, it is hereby laid down that the Act shall extend to the Faroe Islands in the following wording:

1(1). Denmark's territorial sea is the external and internal territorial waters.

2(1). The external territorial waters cover those areas of the sea which landward are delimited by the baselines applicable at all times mentioned in section 3 and seaward by lines drawn in such a manner that the distance from every point of these lines to the nearest point of the baselines is 12 nautical miles (22,224m).

(2). In the absence of an agreement to the contrary

(3). The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall lay down and shall promulgate the outer limits of the external territorial waters and the baselines on which the measuring of these outer limits shall be based in pursuance of section 1.

(4). In waters where special circumstances prevail, the Minister for Foreign Affairs may resolve that the outer limit of the external territorial waters shall be measured at a distance shorter than 12 nautical miles from the baselines.

Decree to Amend the Decree on the Fishing Territory of
the Faroe Islands

WE MARGRETHE THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Denmark, do hereby make known:

1.
The following amendment shall be made to Decree No.
598 of 21 December 1976 on the Fishing Territory of

identical with the baselines from which the breadth of
the territorial sea is measured, and which are laid down
and promulgated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in

the Faroe Islands as amended by Decree No. 615 of 22

paragraphs of the Act on the Delimitation of the

Executive Order on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea of the Faroe Islands

In pursuance of section 2(3) of the Decree No. 240 of 30 April 2002 on the coming into force of the Act on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea for the Faroe Islands, the following provisions are laid down:

1(1). The external territorial waters cover the areas of the sea which landward are delimited by the

point of these lines to the nearest point of the baselines is 12 nautical miles (22.224m). The delimiting lines are reproduced in the sketch map printed as a schedule to this Executive Order.

2(1). The baselines from which the external terri-

baselines mentioned in section 2 and seaward by lines drawn in such a manner that the distance from every

Point 1. Dry rock SW of Sumbiarsteinur (the Munken) and from there a straight line to

Point 2. W from side of island of Mykines

shall be the coastline and straight lines as stated below between the following points:

61°20'10".85 N 6°40'23".77 W

60°03'00" N 0°31'00" W

