

Although it predates Spain's accession to the UNCLOS, Act 15/1978, of 20 February, regulating the Economic Zone of the Sea and its Beaches, regulates said zone in terms that are fully consistent with the Convention because it reflects the customary international law existing at the time of its promulgation. Its sphere of application is in principle limited, as noted in Final Provision One, to "the Atlantic coasts of Spain, both of the mainland and of the islands, including the coasts on the Cantabrian Sea". However, the Act "empowers the Government to extend these provisions to other coasts of Spain".

Accordingly, in exercise of the option allowed to the Government by Act 15/1978, of 20 February, in view of the growing importance of exploitation of the resources existing in the EEZ in the Mediterranean, and for the purposes set forth in the UNCLOS, namely to allow the coastal State to exercise its

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Point	Latitude		Longitude		-
	Degrees	Minutes	Degrees	Minutes	
1	36				

44	41	27.35	N	5	20.17	E
45	41	40.26	N	5	10.54	E
46	41	50.55	N	5	2.39	E
47	41	51.53	N	5	1.31	E
48	42	30.00	N	4	29.25	E
49	42	31.67	N	4	27.22	E
50	42	42.68	N	4	10.00	E
51	42	44.90	N	3	49.73	E
52	42	35.15	N	3	32.14	E
53	42	32.65	N	3	28.71	E
54	42	31.65	N	3	25.88	E

Article 2.

The limits specified in the preceding Article may, if necessary, be modified in the light of any delimitation agreements to be concluded with the affected coastal State, under article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, of 10 December 1982.

Final Provision.

The present Royal Decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official State Gazette.

Done in Madrid, on 5 April 2013.

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