

**Territorial Waters Law, 5717/1956, as amended**  
**by the Territorial Waters (Amendment) Law,**  
**5750-1990, of 5 February 1990**

**Definition of "territorial waters"**

1.\* (a) In section 3 of the Interpretation Law, 5741-1981, in the definition of "territorial waters", the words "six miles" shall be replaced by the words "twelve nautical miles".

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of the Interpretation Law, 5741-1981, the definition of "territorial waters" as enacted according to subsection (a) shall apply also to enactments and administrative directions issued before the coming into force of the said Law."

2.\* Wherever it is said in any law that a part of the open sea adjoining the coast of the State is included in the territory of the State or that any law or a power under any law applies to such a part, and the extent of that part is not fixed or is fixed at less than twelve nautical miles from the low-water mark or from some other point on the coast, such extent shall be twelve nautical miles as aforesaid.