

Continental Shelf Amendment Act 2005

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

- (1) This Act is the Continental Shelf Amendment Act 2005.
- (2) In this Act, the Continental Shelf Act 1964 is called “the principal Act”.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Interpretation

- (1) Section 2(1) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the definition of **continental shelf**, and substituting the following definition:

“**continental shelf** means the seabed and subsoil of those submarine areas that extend beyond the territorial limits of New Zealand, throughout the natural prolongation of the land territory of New Zealand, to the seaward-side boundaries”.

(2) Section 2(1) of the principal Act is amended by adding, after the definition of **natural resources**, the following definition:

“**seaward-side boundaries**, in relation to the continental shelf, means the actual boundaries (if any) delineated by an order under subsection (2) and, to the extent that no boundaries of that kind are delineated in that way, the boundaries that are—

“(a) a distance of 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured (as described in sections 5, 6, and 6A of the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977) where the outer edge of the continental margin does not extend beyond that distance; and

“(b) at the outer edge of the continental margin where it extends beyond that distance.”

Legislative history

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