

# **Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone Amendment Act 2005**

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### **The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

#### **1 Title**

- (1) This Act is the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone Amendment Act 2005.
- (2) In this Act, the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977 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

Section 2(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, in their appropriate alphabetical order, the following definitions:

“**low-water line** or **low-water mark** means the line representing the intersection with the shore of the plane of the Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT)

“**Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT)** means the lowest tide level which can be predicted to occur under average meteorological conditions and under any combination of astronomical conditions”.

### 4 Official charts

(1) Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) For the purposes of this Act, in any proceedings in any court, the low-water line for any area depicted on the charts in the Territorial Limits Folio is sufficient evidence of the low-water line for that area.”

(2) Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

“(4) In this section, Territorial Limits Folio means hydrographic information in any form, for example, in electronic form, defined and maintained by Land Information New Zealand for the purposes of maritime boundary definition.”

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#### Legislative history

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