

FINLAND

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jan 1981	Decree No. 656/80		These four documents require foreign warships to provide advance notice before transiting territorial sea, and set out procedures for doing so. These were not revoked by Act 981/95.
	Dec 1982	Declaration upon Ratification of 1982 LOS Convention		
	Jan 1989	Decree No. 1069/89		<i>U.S. does not recognize this requirement. U.S. protested requirement in FY 1989.</i>
	Dec 1990	MFA Circular No. NC-28		
	Jul 1995	Act 981/95 (Amending the Act on the Limits of the Territorial Waters of Finland)	12nm	In the Gulf of Finland, the outer limit of the territorial sea shall at no place be closer to the midline than 3nm. (Act 981/95 can be found in UN LOS Bulletin No. 29 , beginning on page 56.)
Sep 1997	Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.) 16.1997		Deposited 9 charts with the UN on Finland's straight baselines, territorial sea, and sea lanes in the territorial sea.	
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Aug 1956	Act on the Delimitation of the Territorial Waters of Finland, No. 463 (as amended by Act No 144/1965, Act No 332/1966 and Act No 981/1995)		Revoked by Act 981/95. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 48 for original text of Act No. 463 and U.S. Analysis. Although LIS No. 48 was written in 1972, the analysis is still applicable to the 1995 revised baselines.)
	Jul 1995	Act 981/95		Established new straight baselines to remain in effect until 2024, revoking those drawn in 1956. (Act 981/95 can be found in UN LOS Bulletin No. 29 , beginning on page 56.)
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Dec 1994	Customs Act No. 1466	14 nm	Extends 2nm beyond the outer limit of the territorial sea.
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Mar 1965	Law No. 149 on the Continental Shelf	1958 DEF	Baltic Sea, Gulf of Finland and Gulf of Bothnia all covered.
	Jul 1995	Agreement with Sweden	200nm/ EXPL	Maritime boundary agreement with Sweden EIF; signed June 1994. Delimited the boundary between the continental shelf of Finland and the EEZ of Sweden in the Aland and Northern Baltic Seas.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 1975	Fishing-Zone Act 839/74	12nm	Fishing zone.
	Dec 1977	Amendment to Act 839/74		Fishing zone extended to continental shelf boundary with Sweden in Gulf of Bothnia.
	Jun 1978	Amendment to Act 839/74	12nm	Around Bogskar Island, fishing zone extended from 11 to 12nm.
	Nov 2004	Act on the EEZ of November 2004		Repeals Law No. 149 on the Continental Shelf of 1965 and Fishing-Zone Act 839/74. EIF on 1 February 2005. (Act can be found in UN LOS Bulletin No. 57 , beginning on page 106.)

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ, Continued	Dec 2004	Government Decree on the EEZ of December 2004		Promulgates geographical coordinates of EEZ. EIF on 1 February 2005. (Act can be found in UN LOS Bulletin No. 57 , beginning on page 111; chart on page 115.)
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	May 1966	Agreement with Russia		Maritime boundary agreement with former USSR EIF; signed May 1965. Delimited the continental shelf boundary in the Gulf of Finland. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 16 for agreement, U.S. Analysis, and chart.)
	Mar 1968	Agreement with Russia		Maritime boundary agreement with former USSR EIF; signed May 1967. Delimited the continental shelf boundary in the Northeastern Baltic Sea. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 56 for agreement, U.S. Analysis, and chart.)
	Jan 1973	Agreement with Sweden		Maritime boundary agreement with Sweden EIF; signed September 1972. Delimited the continental shelf boundary in the Gulf of Bothnia, the Botnian and Aland Seas, and the Northern Baltic Sea. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 71 for agreement, U.S. Analysis, and chart.)
	Sep 1992	International Court of Justice (ICJ) Order regarding Finland v. Denmark (begins on p. 2)		ICJ Order of 10 September 1992 discontinuing the case of Passage through the Great Belt (Finland v. Denmark) due to a settlement having been reached by both parties.
	Jul 1980	Agreement with Russia		Fishing zone agreement with former USSR EIF; signed February 1980. Delimited the fishing area in the Gulf of Finland and the Northeastern Baltic Sea.
	Nov 1986	Agreement with Russia		Maritime boundary agreement with former USSR EIF; signed February 1985. Revised earlier EEZ, fishing zone, and continental shelf boundaries in Gulf of Finland and Northeastern Baltic Sea.
	Jul 1995	Agreement with Sweden		Maritime boundary agreement with Sweden EIF; signed June 1994. Delimited the boundary between the continental shelf/EEZ in the Aland and Northern Baltic Seas.
	Jan 1997	Agreement with Estonia		Maritime boundary agreement with Estonia EIF; signed October 1996. Delimited the boundary in the Gulf of Finland and the Northern Baltic Sea.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	Aug 1997	Note Verbale to the UN		Clarified that the passage in the strait between the Åland Islands and Sweden is regulated in part by a long-standing international convention in force, and the regime of innocent passage in the strait has remained unchanged after the entry into force of the 1982 LOS Convention. (The Note further clarified that: There are no traffic separation schemes in the territorial sea; the provisions of the 1982 LOS Convention concerning innocent passage through the territorial sea have been incorporated in the internal legislation of Finland; and, there are no other laws or decrees concerning innocent passage.
	Jan 2001	Agreement with Estonia and Sweden		Agreement with Estonia and Sweden signed, to establish a common maritime boundary point in the Baltic Sea.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention, with Declaration requiring prior notification by warships and non-commercial government vessels transiting territorial sea, and declaring that Art 35(c) exception to transit-passage regime is applicable to Åland Strait.
	Jul 1994			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Jun 1996			Ratified Convention and Part XI Agreement.