

BELGIUM

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Nov 87	Royal Decree	12nm	Also authorizes treaties with neighboring countries to negotiate median points where territorial seas overlap. (See below.)
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 99	Act Concerning the EEZ	12nm	Section VIII, Art. 47, of the EEZ Act creates a 12nm contiguous zone. (See below.)
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jun 69	Laws on the Continental Shelf	Equi-distant lines	Boundary to be established on median points between neighboring nations. (See below.)
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Apr 99	Act Concerning the EEZ	Equi-distant lines	Specific points given. (See below.)
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Oct 90	Treaties (2)		Territorial sea and continental shelf boundary agreements with France.
	May 91			Continental shelf boundary agreement with the UK signed; EIF May 93.
	Dec 96	Treaties (2)		Territorial sea and continental shelf boundary agreements with The Netherlands.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 84			Signed Convention, with Declaration confirming its belief that provisions regarding the breadth of the territorial sea are reflective of customary international law, and attaching "great importance to the conditions to which Articles 21 and 23 of the Convention subject the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea."
	Jul 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.
	Nov 98			Ratified Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.

LEGISLATION

The following is extracted from the Act concerning the EEZ of Belgium in the North Sea of April 1999.

Article 2

An exclusive economic zone, hereinafter referred to by the acronym EEZ, shall be established beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea of Belgium, comprising the waters superjacent to the seabed and the seabed and its subsoil.

Article 3

The EEZ of Belgium shall cover that part of the North Sea the outer limit of which is a line composed of segments connecting the following points, defined by their coordinates, in the order in which they are listed:

**TABLE C1.T22.
BELGIAN EEZ COORDINATES**

Latitude North	Longitude East
51°16'09" N	02°23'25" E
51°33'28" N	02°14'18" E
51°36'47" N	02°15'12" E
51°48'18" N	02°28'54" E
51°52'34,012" N	02°32'21,599" E
51°33'06" N	03°04'53" E

The positions of the points listed in this article are expressed in latitude and longitude in accordance with the European geodetic systems (regulation 1, 1950).

Article 47

In the first 12 nautical miles of the EEZ, namely in an area extending to 12 nautical miles adjoining its territorial sea, Belgium shall exercise the necessary control with a view to:

1. Preventing violations of the customs, fiscal, immigration or health legislation or regulations in force in its territory or in its territorial sea;
2. Suppressing any violation of such legislation or regulations in its territory or in its territorial sea."

MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS

BELGIUM - FRANCE

The following is extracted from the Territorial Sea and Continental Shelf Boundary Agreements between Belgium and France, signed 8 October 1990.

Article 1

The boundary between the territorial sea of the French Republic and the territorial sea of the Kingdom of Belgium shall be a line composed of loxodromes connecting, in the sequence given, the points defined as follows by their coordinates.

**TABLE C1.T23.
BELGIUM - FRANCE TERRITORIAL SEA BOUNDARY**

Latitude North	Longitude East
51° 05' 37" N	02° 32' 37" E
51° 16' 09" N	02° 23' 25" E

BELGIUM - THE NETHERLANDS

The following is extracted from the Territorial Sea and Continental Shelf Boundary Agreements between Belgium and The Netherlands, signed 18 December 1996.

Article 1

The boundary between the territorial sea of the Kingdom of Belgium and the territorial sea of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is formed by the great circle joining the following points, expressed in terms of their coordinates, in the sequence given below:

TABLE C1.T24.
BELGIUM - NETHERLANDS TERRITORIAL SEA BOUNDARY

Latitude North	Longitude East
51° 22' 25" N	03° 21' 52.5" E
51° 22' 46" N	03° 21' 14" E
51° 27' 00" N	03° 17' 47" E
51° 29' 05" N	03° 12' 44" E
51° 33' 06" N	03° 04' 53" E