

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Oct 93	Federal Law No.19 (Maritime Zones of the UAE)	12nm	Foreign warships require prior permission for innocent passage. Foreign ships nuclear powered or carrying nuclear or other dangerous or hazardous material must give notice prior to innocent passage.  <i>These requirements are not recognized by the U.S. U.S. conducted operational assertions in 1995 and 1997-1998, 2001</i>
	May 94	Circular No. 34 regarding Entry of Vessels into the Seaports of the UAE		All ships and naval units prohibited from entering territorial sea and ports without certificate of registration, statement of cargo, and crew and passenger list (unclear if this is meant to apply to vessels solely in innocent passage, not making a port entry).  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this requirement for vessels engaged in innocent passage and will not provide such documents for sovereign vessels entering foreign ports.</i>
	Jan 98	* Ministry of Communications Decree No. 110		* Prohibition on foreign vessels over 20 years old in UAE territorial waters. (*Unofficial extract of UAE Decree No. 110 of 1998, received from AMEMBASSY Abu Dhabi. Excerpts provided below.)
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19 (Maritime Zones of the UAE)		Provides for combination of normal and straight baselines.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19 (Maritime Zones of the UAE)	24nm	Claim includes the right to legislate for the security of the State.  <i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19 (Maritime Zones of the UAE)	CM/ 200nm	.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Oct 93	Federal Law No. 19 (Maritime Zones of the UAE)	200nm or Median	EEZ.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 69	Agreement		Abu Dhabi - Qatar boundary agreement regarding islands EIF. See <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 18.
	Aug 74	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Iran signed. See <a href="#">LIS</a> No. 63.

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<b>MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued</b>	Oct 81	Arbitral Award		Dubai - Sharjah territorial sea and continental shelf boundaries determined.
<b>LOS CONVENTION</b>	Dec 82			Signed Convention; never ratified.

## LEGISLATION

The following is extracted from Ministry Of Communications Decree No. 110 Of 1998.

### Article 4

1) Foreign vessels registered in the UAE cannot operate in UAE territorial waters unless they carry a valid navigation license issued by the Administration Department. The Administration Department issues the license by request of the vessel owner or his shipping agent in the UAE. The vessel owner or his shipping agent has to submit all necessary documents and certificates required by the Administration Department at the time of registration.

### Article 10

Foreign vessels that are more than twenty years old, from the date of construction, are not allowed to operate in UAE territorial waters. The ministry of transportation holds the right to ban such vessels from operating.

### Article 12

Both national and foreign vessels must have a general and valid insurance policy to classify for operation in UAE territorial waters. The insurance policy must cover third party liabilities.

### Article 13

All vessels that operate in UAE territorial waters must have a certification stating the minimum number of crew. The certificate must further specify labor categories and the number of staff of each category. Moreover, the certificate must be shown upon request, in accordance with rules stated in the international maritime convention that the UAE has signed.

### Article 14

National and foreign vessels must not carry or store hazardous good, including crude oil and its derivatives, excluding vessels that are constructed and licensed for this use. The concerned authorities will take necessary judicial measures and confiscate vessels that do not comply with these rules.

## MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS

### UAE (DUBAI) - IRAN

The following is extracted from the Continental Shelf Boundary Agreement between Dubai and Iran, signed August 1974.

### Article 1

The boundary line dividing the continental shelf lying between the territory of U.A.E. on the one side and that of Iran on the other side, except in the vicinity of Sirri Island, shall consist of geodetic lines between the following points:

**TABLE C1.T267.  
UAE (DUBAI) - IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF COORDINATES**

UAE (DUBAI) - IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF COORDINATES			
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST	COMMENTS
1	25° 38' 13"	54° 05' 16"	
2	25° 39' 55"	54° 26' 18"	
3	25° 41' 35"	54° 30' 25"	from this point the boundary line coincides with the southern 12-mile limit of the territorial waters of the Sirri Island to:
4	25° 47' 20"	54° 44' 50"	

UAE (DUBAI) - IRAN CONTINENTAL SHELF COORDINATES			
POINT	LATITUDE NORTH	LONGITUDE EAST	COMMENTS
5	25° 47' 30"	54° 45' 07"	

#### UAE (ABU DHABI) - QATAR

The following is extracted from the Agreement between Abu Dhabi and Qatar on the Settlement of Maritime Boundary Lines and Sovereign Rights over Islands (Qatar v. Bahrain), signed and EIF 20 March 1969.

Recognizing the cordial and fraternal relations that exist between the two sister Arab States, and desirous of settling maritime boundary lines and sovereign rights over islands on the basis of their mutual interests, the two Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

- (1) That 'Dina' Island is part of the territory of Abu Dhabi;
- (2) That the islands of 'Lashat' and 'Shraho' are part of the territory of Qatar;
- (3) That both States will have no further national claims against each other in islands and waters beyond the maritime boundary lines herein agreed to.
- (4) That the maritime boundary lines referred to in paragraph (3) above are as follows:
  - (a) A straight line between Point A at:

**TABLE C1.T268.**  
**UAE (ABU DHABI) - QATAR MARITIME BOUNDARY COORDINATES**

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COMMENT
25° 31' 50"	53° 02' 05"	and point B, 'Bir Elbundug', at:
25° 05' 54.79"	53° 36' 50.98"	

- (b) A straight line between point B (described above), and point C, at:

**CONTINUATION OF TABLE C1.T268.**

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
24° 48' 40"	52° 16' 20"

- (c) A straight line from point C (described above) to point D (at Bab Khor Eladid at the territorial sea boundary) at:

**CONTINUATION OF TABLE C1.T268.**

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24° 48' 40"	52° 16' 20"

- (6) That the Contracting Parties will have equal rights of ownership over 'Hagl Elbundug' and agreed to consult each other in all matters concerning its exploitation.