

FINLAND

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES	
TERRITORIAL SEA	Jan 1981 Dec 1982	Decree No. 656/80 Declaration upon Signature of 1982 LOS Convention		These four documents claimed to require prior notification for innocent passage of foreign warships in the TS.	
	Jan 1989 Dec 1990	Decree No. 1069/89 MFA Circular No. NC-28		<i>U.S. did not recognize this requirement.</i> U.S. protested requirement in FY 1989.	
	1956 1965 1966 1995	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)	12nm *	* Except in the Gulf of Finland where the outer limit of the TS shall at no place be closer to the midline than 3nm. Outer limits of TS determined by agreements with neighboring countries.	
	Jul 1995	Act 981/95, Amending the Act on the Limits of the Territorial Waters of Finland (page 56)		Promulgates geographical coordinates of baselines and outer limits of the TS.	
	Aug 1997	Note Verbale to the UN (No. YKEC032-46)		Clarified that "the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concerning innocent passage through the territorial sea have been incorporated in the internal legislation of Finland. There are no other laws or decrees concerning innocent passage." The Note also clarified that there are no traffic separation schemes in the territorial sea.	
	ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	1956 1965 1966 1995	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)		Enabling legislation for straight baselines. (Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 48 for 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, Amending the Act on the Limits of the Territorial Waters of Finland (page 56)		Promulgates geographical coordinates of baselines.
Aug 1997		Note Verbale to the UN (No. YKEC032-46)		Clarified that the passage in the strait between the Åland Islands and Sweden (Ahvenanrauma) 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.	
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	Repealed by Act on the EEZ No 1058/2004 (below).	

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FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jan 1975 Dec 1977	Fishing-Zone Act 839/74 Amendment to Act 839/74	12nm	Fishing zone. Fishing zone extended to continental shelf boundary with Sweden in Gulf of Bothnia.
	Jun 1978	Amendment to Act 839/74	12nm	Fishing zone extended from 11 to 12nm around Bogskar Island. Repealed by Act on the EEZ No 1058/2004 (below).
	Nov 2004	Act on the EEZ, No 1058/2004 (page 106)		Established EEZ; outer limits determined by agreements with neighboring countries. EIF on 1 February 2005. Repealed Law No. 149/1965 on the Continental Shelf, and Fishing-Zone Act 839/1974 (above).
	Dec 2004	Government Decree on the EEZ (page 111)		Promulgates geographical coordinates of EEZ. EIF on 1 February 2005.
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 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 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 U.S. Analysis and chart.)
	Sep 1992	International Court of Justice (ICJ) Order regarding Finland v. Denmark (page 2)		ICJ Order of 10 September 1992 discontinuing the case of Passage through the Great Belt (Finland v. Denmark) due to a settlement between 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.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	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.
	Aug 1997	Note Verbale to the UN (No. YKEC032-46)		Clarified that the passage in the strait between the Åland Islands and Sweden (Ahvenanrauma) 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.
	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 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.