

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Oct 1993	Federal Law No. 19	12nm	<p>Claims that foreign warships require prior permission for innocent passage; and that foreign nuclear powered ships and ships carrying nuclear, radioactive, "or other inherently dangerous or noxious substances" require prior notice for innocent passage.</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize this claim.</i> U.S. conducted operational assertions in FY 1995, 1997, and 1998.</p>
	May 1994	Circular No. 34		<p>Claims that all ships and naval units are 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 in innocent passage, not making a port entry).</p> <p><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></p>
	Jan 1998	Ministry of Communications Decree No. 110		Prohibits foreign vessels over 20 years old in UAE territorial waters.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Oct 1993	Federal Law No. 19		Provides for combination of normal and straight baselines.
	Feb 2009	Council of Minister's Decision No (5) 2009 (page 78)		Promulgated geographical coordinates for straight baselines for part of the coast.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Oct 1993	Federal Law No. 19	24nm	<p>Claims to exercise supervision and control to "prevent infringement of its security, customs, fiscal, sanitary or immigration laws...."</p> <p><i>The U.S. does not recognize the security claim.</i> U.S. conducted an operational assertion in FY 1998.</p>
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Oct 1993	Federal Law No. 19	CM/ 200nm	
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Oct 1993	Federal Law No. 19	200nm or Median	EEZ.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Oct 1999	Federal Law No. 24		

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Mar 1969	Agreement		Agreement between Qatar and UAE (Abu Dhabi) on the settlement of maritime boundaries and ownership of islands signed and EIF. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 18 for analysis.
	Aug 1974	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary agreement between Iran and UAE (Dubai) signed. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 63 for text of agreement and analysis.
	Aug 1974	Agreement (English translation, page 30)		Agreement on the delimitation of boundaries between Saudi Arabia and UAE signed and EIF.
	Oct 1981	Arbitral Award		Determined territorial sea and continental shelf boundaries between Sharjah and Dubai (UAE).
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention, not ratified.