

MINISTRY OF EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION

Decree No. 77-130 of February 11, 1977, regarding the creation, in application of the law of July 16, 1976, of an economic zone off the coasts of the Republic's territory bounding the North Sea, the English Channel, and the Atlantic Ocean, from the Franco-Belgian border to the Franco-Spanish border.

The Prime Minister

On the basis of the report of the Minister of State, Keeper of the Seals, and Minister of Justice, the Minister of State and Minister of Interior, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in Charge of Economy and Finance, the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Equipment, the Minister of Industry and Research, and the Minister of Quality of Life.

In view of: The Decree of January 9, 1852, on marine fishing, amended by the law of February 12, 1930, Order No. 58-1297 of December 23, 1958, Decree No. 69-576 of June 12, 1969, and Law No. 70-1302 of December 31, 1970;

The law of March 1, 1888, regarding the prohibition of fishing by foreigners in French territorial waters, amended by the laws of March 30, 1928, April 16, 1933, No. 64-438 of May 25, 1964, No. 67-451 of June 7, 1967, and No. 67-1086 of December 15, 1967;

Law No. 71-1060 of December 24, 1971, regarding the delimitation of French territorial waters;

Law No. 76-655 of July 16, 1976, regarding the economic zone off the coasts of the Republic's territory, in particular Article 5;

The Mining Code, together with the texts for its application;

Article R.25 of the Penal Code;

Decree No. 63-766 of July 30, 1963, and in particular Article 21, the next to the last paragraph;

The Council of State (Public Works Section) concurring;

Hereby decrees:

Article 1

The economic zone defined in Article 1 of the Law of July 16, 1976 shall extend, off the coasts of the Republic's territory bounding the North Sea, the English Channel, and the Atlantic Ocean, from the Franco-Belgian border to the Franco-Spanish border, for 188 nautical miles beyond the outer limit of the territorial waters, subject to delimitation agreements with neighboring States.

Regarding this zone, the provisions of the aforementioned law shall enter into force on the date of publication of this Decree.

Article 2

Subject to the provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and the texts used for its application, fishing is, in accordance with the law of March 1, 1888, as amended, prohibited to foreign vessels in the aforementioned economic zone.

However, notwithstanding those provisions, fishing permits may be granted to certain vessels under the conditions provided by the treaty establishing the European Economic Community and the texts used for its application, by international agreements, and by French domestic law.

Article 3

Regarding fishery infractions committed in the economic zone referred to in Article 1, the penalties provided for in the first paragraph of Article 5, in the sixth paragraph of Article 6, in the first paragraph of Article 7, and in Articles 8 and 9 of the aforementioned Decree of January 9, 1852, as well as the second paragraph of Article 11 of the aforementioned law of March 1, 1888, are replaced by a fine of from F 600 to F 1,000.

Article 4

The Minister of State, Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice, the Minister of State and Minister of Interior, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in Charge of Economy and Finance, the Minister of Defense, the Minister of Equipment, the Minister of Industry and Research, the Minister of Quality of Life, and the Secretary of State to the Minister of Equipment in Charge of Transportation are charged, each in his own area, with enforcing this Decree, which shall be published in the *Journal Officiel* of the French Republic.

Done at Paris on February 11, 1977.

Raymond Barre

By the Prime Minister:

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