



## EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE ACT

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Act No. 5151, Aug. 8, 1996  
Amended by Act No.10523, Apr. 4, 2011

### Article 1 (Establishment of Exclusive Economic Zone)

The Republic of Korea shall establish an exclusive economic zone referred to in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter referred to as the "Convention") under this Act.

*[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011]*

### Article 2 (Scope of Exclusive Economic Zone)

(1) The exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Korea shall be the zone, excluding the territorial sea of the Republic of Korea, stretching up to 200 nautical miles outwards from the baseline referred to in [Article 2 of the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone Act](#) in accordance with the Convention.

(2) The delimitation of the exclusive economic zone between the Republic of Korea and states with opposite or adjacent coasts (hereinafter referred to as the "relevant states") shall, notwithstanding paragraph (1), be established by agreement with the relevant states on the basis of international laws.

*[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011]*

### Article 3 (Rights in Exclusive Economic Zone)

The Republic of Korea shall have the following rights in the exclusive economic zone:

1. Sovereign rights for the purpose of which is to explore, exploit, conserve and manage the natural resources, whether living or non-living, of the waters superjacent to the sea-bed and of the sea-bed and its subsoil, and the sovereign rights with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of the zone, such as the production of energy from the seawater, sea current and sea breeze;
2. Jurisdiction as provided for in the Convention with regard to the following:
  - (a) The establishment and use of artificial islands, installations and structures;
  - (b) marine scientific research;
  - (c) The protection and conservation of the marine environment.
3. Other rights as provided for in the Convention.

*[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011]*

### Article 4 (Rights and Duties of Foreign States or Foreigners)

(1) In the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Korea, foreign states or foreigners may, on condition that they shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Convention, enjoy the freedom of navigation, overflight, the laying of submarine cables or pipelines, and other internationally recognized lawful uses of the sea in relation to the freedom.

(2) In exercising the rights and performing the duties in the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Korea, foreign states or foreigners shall have due regard as to the rights and duties of the Republic of Korea and shall comply with the Acts and subordinate statutes thereof.

*[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011]*

### Article 5 (Exercise etc. of Rights by the Republic of Korea)

(1) Except as otherwise provided for in the agreement with foreign states, the Acts and subordinate statutes of the Republic of Korea shall govern in the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Korea, in order to exercise or protect the rights referred to in [Article 3](#). The same shall also apply to the legal relations in respect of artificial islands, installations and structures referred to in subparagraph 2 (a) of [Article 3](#).

(2) The Republic of Korea shall not exercise its rights in its exclusive economic zone under [Article 3](#) in the area beyond the median line between the Republic of Korea and relevant states unless agreed separately between the relevant states and the Republic of Korea. In this case, the term "median line" means the line in respect of which the lineal distance from each point on such line to the nearest point on the baseline of the Republic of Korea is equivalent to the lineal distance to the nearest point on the baseline of the relevant states.

(3) The relevant agency may take necessary measures including the exercise of hot pursuit

referred to in [Article 111](#) of the Convention, stopping or boarding vessels, inspection, arrest and judicial proceedings against the persons who infringe the rights referred to in [Article 3](#) in the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Korea or who are deemed to be under suspicion of violating the Acts and subordinate statutes of the Republic of Korea applied in relation to the relevant exclusive economic zone.

*[This Article Wholly Amended by Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011]*

**ADDENDUM**

This Act shall enter into force on the date as determined by the Presidential Decree within one year after the promulgation thereof.

**ADDENDUM <Act No. 10523, Apr. 4, 2011>**

This Act shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

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