

Emergency (Essential Powers) Ordinance, No. 7, 1969, as amended in 1969

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Interpretation

2. This Ordinance shall apply throughout Malaysia.

Breadth of territorial waters

3. (1) The breadth of the territorial waters of Malaysia shall be twelve nautical miles and such breadth shall except in the Straits of Malacca, the Sulu Sea and the Celebes Sea be measured in accordance with articles 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone (1958)...

(2) In applying the aforesaid articles, the expression "territorial sea" occurring therein shall be construed as "territorial waters".

Modification of laws

4. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), any reference occurring in any written law to territorial waters shall in so far as such reference affects federal law be construed subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) For the purposes of the Continental Shelf Act, 1966, the Petroleum Mining Act, 1966, the National Land Code and any written law relating to land in force in Sabah and Sarawak, any reference to territorial waters therein shall in relation to any territory be construed as a reference to such part of the sea adjacent to the coast thereof not exceeding three nautical miles measured from the low-water mark.

Publication of large-scale map

5. (1) So soon hereafter as may be possible or thereafter from time to time as he may consider necessary the Yang di-Pertuan Agong shall cause to be published a large-scale map indicating the low-water marks, the baselines, the outer limits and the areas of the territorial waters of Malaysia.

(2) A copy of such map shall be published in the Gazette for general information.

Modification of territorial waters

6. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong shall, pursuant to any agreement entered into between Malaysia and another coastal State, by order modify the areas of the territorial waters of Malaysia; and any modification so made shall be indicated in a large-scale map and a copy thereof shall be published in the Gazette for general information.

Evidence

7. In any proceedings before any court in Malaysia if a question arises as to whether an act or omission has taken place within or without the territorial waters of Malaysia, a certificate to that effect purported to be signed by or on behalf of the Minister charged with the responsibility for External Affairs shall be received in evidence and shall be prima facie proof of the facts stated therein.

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