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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Maritime claims of the former USSR are considered to remain in effect for its component successor States, unless otherwise declared.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
TERRITORIAL SEA	Sep 1989	Joint Statement		Joint Statement by U.S. and U.S.S.R. on norms of innocent passage. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 112 for analysis.
	Apr 1993	Act on the State border of the Russian Federation		Confirms that borders of Russian Federation are borders of former USSR. This text contains amendments up to 1999 but does not include amendments adopted in 2000, 2002 and 2003.
	Jul 1998	Federal Act on internal maritime waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone of the Russian Federation	12nm	
	Oct 1999	Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1102		Rules for navigation and visits of foreign warships and other state vessels used for non-commercial purposes in the territorial sea, in the internal waters, at naval fleet bases, naval stations and sea ports of the Russian Federation.
ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Feb 1984	Declaration 4604		Delineates straight baseline coordinates (coastline and islands of the Pacific Ocean, the Sea of Japan, the Sea of Okhotsk, and the Bering Sea). Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 107 for analysis. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> U.S. protested in CY 1984 through 1987 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1982, 1984, and 1986.
	Jan 1985	Declaration 4450		Delineates straight baseline coordinates (coastline and islands of the Arctic Ocean and the Baltic and Black Seas). Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 109 for analysis. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims.</i> U.S. protested in CY 1984 through 1987 and conducted operational assertions in FY 1982, 1984, and 1986.

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ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS, Continued	Jul 1998	Federal Act on internal maritime waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone of the Russian Federation		The 1998 Act does not appear to have revoked Russia's historic bay claims. Russia claims Peter the Great Bay, and Demitri, Laptev, and Sannikov Straits, as historic, and thus internal, waters. <i>The U.S. does not recognize these claims. U.S. has protested them on numerous occasions.</i> Authorizes the drawing of straight baselines and publication of new coordinates, which has not yet been done. Russian Federation baselines remain coordinates delineated in Declaration 4604 and 4450.
	Dec 2003	Joint Statement		Joint statement by Russian Federation and Ukraine, claiming the Sea of Azov and Strait of Kerch are historic, internal waters of the two nations.
CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Jul 1998	Federal Act on internal maritime waters, territorial sea and contiguous zone of the Russian Federation	24nm	
CONTINENTAL SHELF	Feb 1968	Decree of the Presidium of 6 February 1968 on the Continental Shelf		
	Jul 1969	Resolution No. 564 of 18 July 1969 of the Council of Ministers of the USSR concerning Procedure for Carrying out Work on the Continental Shelf and the Protection of its Natural Resources		
	Aug 1969	Decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of 13 August 1969 concerning the Application of the Decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR concerning the Continental Shelf of the USSR		
	Oct 1995	Federal Law on the Continental Shelf of the Russian Federation	200nm	
	Dec 2001	ECS Submission		
	Feb 2013	Revised ECS Submission (Sea of Okhotsk)		

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CONTINENTAL SHELF, Continued	Aug 2015	Revised ECS Submission (Arctic Ocean)		<i>Note:</i> As of Jan 2016, the CLCS has not made its recommendations. The U.S. does not oppose the ECS submission so long as it does not prejudice the establishment of outer shelf by U.S. or the delimitation of continental shelf between U.S. and Russian Federation.
FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Dec 1998	Federal Act on the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Russian Federation	200nm	Also applies to all islands of the Russian Federation.
	Sep 2013	Submission of chart to U.N.		No. 60102 entitled "Northern of the Sea of Okhotsk" (SK-42 reference system) which depicts claimed outer limit of EEZ.
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION	Jul 2012	Federal Law No. 132-FZ		Northern Sea Route (NSR) Regulations. "The waters of the [NSR] are understood to mean the expanse of water that adjoins the northern littoral of the Russian Federation [and] is demarcated on the east by the line of demarcation of the maritime expanses with the United States of America and parallel to Cape Dheznev and the Bering Strait, and on the west by the meridian of Cape Zhelaniye to the archipelago of Novaya Zemlya, the eastern shoreline of the archipelago of Novaya Zemlya, and the western boundaries of the straits of Matochkin Shar, Karkiye Vorota, and Yugorskiy Shar." Requires prior permission and permitting requirements to enter and transit the NSR's territorial sea and exclusive economic zone. Characterizes straits used for international navigation that are part of the NSR as internal waters. Fails to explicitly declare sovereign immune vessels exempt.
MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Apr 1957	Agreement		Agreement between Norway and U.S.S.R. concerning the sea frontier in the Varangerfjord EIF; signed Feb 1957. Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 17 for analysis.
	May 1957	Treaty		Treaty between Poland and U.S.S.R. concerning the demarcation of the existing Soviet-Polish State frontier (Baltic Sea) EIF; signed Mar 1957. Go to State Department LIS page, scroll down and click on LIS No. 55 for analysis.
	Mar 1958	Protocol		Descriptive Protocol relating to the sea frontier between Norway and U.S.S.R. in the Varangerfjord EIF; signed Nov 1957.
	Jul 1958	Protocol		Protocol between Poland and U.S.S.R. concerning the delimitation of territorial waters (Gulf of Gdansk) EIF; signed Mar 1958.

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES, Continued	May 1966	Agreement		Agreement between Finland and U.S.S.R. concerning the boundaries of sea areas and of the continental shelf (Gulf of Finland) EIF; signed May 1965. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 16 for analysis.
	Mar 1968	Agreement		Agreement between Finland and U.S.S.R. concerning the boundary of the continental shelf (north-eastern part of the Baltic Sea) EIF; signed May 1967.
	May 1970	Treaty		Treaty between Poland and U.S.S.R. concerning the boundary of the continental shelf (Gulf of Gdansk and south-eastern part of the Baltic Sea) EIF; signed Aug 1969.
	Jul 1980	Agreement		Agreement between Finland and U.S.S.R. regarding the delimitation of the areas in the field of fishing (Gulf of Finland and the north-eastern part of the Baltic Sea) EIF; signed Feb 1980.
	May 1981	Agreement		Agreement between Turkey and U.S.S.R. concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf (Black Sea) EIF; signed Jun 1978. Go to State Department LIS page , scroll down and click on LIS No. 109 for analysis.
	Nov 1986	Agreement		Agreement between Finland and U.S.S.R. regarding delimitation of the economic zone, the fishing zone and the continental shelf (Gulf of Finland and the north-eastern part of the Baltic Sea) EIF; signed Feb 1985.
	Apr 1985	Agreement		Agreement between D.P.R.K. and U.S.S.R. on the delimitation of the Soviet-Korean national border.
	Jul 1985	Treaty		Treaty between Poland and U.S.S.R. on the delimitation of the Territorial Sea (Territorial Waters), the Economic Zone, the Fishery Zone and the Continental Shelf (Baltic Sea).
	Jan 1986	Agreement		Agreement between D.P.R.K. and U.S.S.R. on the delimitation of the economic zone and the continental shelf.
	Feb 1987	Exchange of Notes		Exchange of notes between Turkey and U.S.S.R. constituting an agreement on the delimitation of the economic zone (Black Sea) EIF.
	Jan 1988	Agreement		Agreement between Sweden and U.S.S.R. on principles for the delimitation of the sea areas in the Baltic Sea signed and EIF.

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	Jun 1988	Agreement		Agreement between Sweden and U.S.S.R. concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf and of the Swedish fishing zone and the Soviet economic zone in the Baltic Sea EIF; signed Apr 1988.
	May 1990	Agreement		Agreement between Sweden, Poland, and U.S.S.R. concerning the common delimitation point (Baltic Sea) EIF; signed Jun 1989.
	Jun 1990	Agreement		Agreement between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. on the maritime boundary.
	Sep 1990	Agreement		Agreement between D.P.R.K. and U.S.S.R. concerning the regime of state frontier.
	Oct 1997	Treaty		Treaty between Lithuania and Russian Federation on the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf (Baltic Sea).
	Jul 2007	Agreement (p. 42)		Agreement between Norway and Russian Federation on the maritime delimitation in the Varangerfjord area.
	Jul 2011	Treaty		Treaty between Norway and Russian Federation concerning maritime delimitation and cooperation (Barents Sea and Arctic Ocean) EIF; signed Sep 2010.
LOS CONVENTION	Dec 1982			Signed Convention.
	Mar 1997			Ratified Convention; bound by Part XI Agreement.