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An Act to amend the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977 to establish a contiguous zone adjacent to the territorial seas, and in the exercise of the sovereign rights of the Cook Islands to make provision for customs, immigration, fiscal and sanitary laws and regulations

(22 June 2012)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in Session assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Title - This Act is the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Amendment Act 2012 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1977 (herein referred to as "the principal Act").
2. Commencement - This Act comes into force on the day it is assented to by the Queen's Representative.
3. Interpretation - Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting a new definition -
"Contiguous zone" means the contiguous zone of the Cook Islands as described in section 7A of the Act"
4. The contiguous zone - The principal Act is amended by inserting the following section:
"7A. The contiguous zone - The contiguous zone of the Cook Islands comprises those areas of the sea that are adjacent to and beyond the territorial sea of the Cook Islands, having as their outer limits a line measured seaward from the baseline described in section 5 of this Act, every point of which line is a distance of 24 nautical miles from the nearest point of the baseline."

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Marine Resources

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