

# EEZ law

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## // abstract:

This law delimits the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Belgian part of the North Sea. The legal regime in this zone regarding inter alia, the exploration, exploitation and management of natural resources, the construction of artificial islands, marine research and the protection and preservation of the marine environment is defined in this law. It stipulates in a more detailed way, the regulation regarding living resources and fishing and therefore amends existing laws such as '*wet van 10 oktober 1978* houdende vaststelling van een Belgische visserijzone' (p.108) and '*wet van 19 augustus 1891* betreffende de zeevisserij in de territoriale zee' (p.104). For the non-living resources, changes are made to '*wet van 13 juni 1969* inzake de exploratie en de exploitatie van niet-levende rijkdommen van de territoriale zee en het continentaal plat' (p.106). Moreover, the supervision on customs, taxes, health and immigration in the EEZ are discussed. This entails the definition of additional competences in the adjacent zone (the first twelve nautical miles of the EEZ) that borders the territorial sea.