



AN BILLE UM DHLINSE MHUIRI (LEASU), 1964 MARITIME JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1964

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. Section 1 deals with the Principal Act etc.
- 2. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Maritime Jurisdiction Act, 1959, so as to extend the exclusive fishery limits of the State to twelve nautical miles from the coast or straight baselines as the case may be (section 2).
- 3. Section 3 empowers the Government to specify states the fishing vessels of which may continue to fish in areas between three and twelve miles. In the belt between three and six miles (subsection 2), foreign vessels may only fish to the end of
 - (a) 1965, in areas where the limits are measured from the coastline, and
 - (b) 1966, elsewhere;

these transitional periods are intended to allow foreign fishermen a certain time to adapt themselves to their exclusion from this belt. In the belt between six and twelve miles, only those states will be specified (subsection 1), the fishing vessels of which have habitually fished in that area in the ten-year period before the end of 1962.

Within the whole twelve-mile limit, the Government is entitled to make and enforce fishery regulations; and foreign vessels may not direct their effort towards stocks of fish or fishing grounds substantially different from those which they have habitually fished. This is in accordance with the Fisheries Convention and associated Agreements and Protocol signed in London in March this year.

- 4. Section 4 amends section 13 of the Principal Act so as to provide, if necessary, for amendment or revocation of an order under that section.
 - 5. Section 5 deals with the title, commencement etc. of the Bill.

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