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Section 2 amends the Principal Act by providing that, for purposes of all legislation, the territorial seas of Ireland shall be 12 nautical miles from baselines.

Section 3 contains the short title, collective citation and the commencement date of the legislation. It is proposed that the legislation shall come into force on 1st March, 1988.

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