

Law on the Belgian fishing zone

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// abstract:

This law establishes a national fishing zone in the Belgian part of the North Sea, the borders of which correspond to those of the exclusive economic zone. Fishing in this zone is covered by the Belgian legislation and regulation. Foreign ships are not allowed to fish in this zone according to the 'Verdrag tot oprichting van de Europese Unie en uit de terzake toepasselijke regels van het internationaal recht'. The law stipulates the rights of the Belgian authorities with respect to fishing vessels within the national fishing zone, regarding, inter alia, the inspection of fisheries products and fishing gear. Measures are discussed, such as the confiscation of fisheries products and the immobilisation of fishing vessels, as well as the sanctions in case of infringements (e.g. obstructing the inspection, providing incorrect information, etc.).