

Directive 2014/89/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 23 July 2014 establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2

Scope

1 This Directive shall apply to marine waters of Member States, without prejudice to other Union legislation. It shall not apply to coastal waters or parts thereof falling under a Member State's town and country planning, provided that this is communicated in its maritime spatial plans.

2 This Directive shall not apply to activities the sole purpose of which is defence or national security.

3 This Directive shall not interfere with Member States' competence to design and determine, within their marine waters, the extent and coverage of their maritime spatial plans. It shall not apply to town and country planning.

4 This Directive shall not affect the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of Member States over marine waters which derive from relevant international law, particularly Unclos. In particular, the application of this Directive shall not influence the delineation and delimitation of maritime boundaries by the Member States in accordance with the relevant provisions of Unclos.