

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE TERRITORIAL SEA (LIMITS) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2013

2013 No. 3164

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 The Order changes the manner in which the coordinates defining the territorial sea in the Straits of Dover are expressed.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None.

4. Legislative Context

4.1 The Order amends an earlier Order defining the territorial sea boundary in the Straits of Dover.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- *What is being done and why*

7.1 Under an Exchange of Notes with France, the manner in which the coordinates defining the territorial sea boundary in the Straits of Dover are expressed has been changed into the latest and now most widely used datum system. This Order makes the necessary adjustments.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 All relevant Government Departments have been consulted.

9. Guidance

9.1 No necessity for guidance is foreseen.

10. Impact

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

10.2 No impact on the public sector is foreseen.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 No specific need for monitoring or review is foreseen.

13. Contact

Chris Whomersley at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (tel: 0207 008 3284 or email: chris.whomersley@fco.gov.uk) can answer any queries regarding the instrument.