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THE LEGAL REGIME OF INTERNAL SEA WATERS

**98. STATUTE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE
BORDER OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS**

Adopted August 5, 1960

Vedomosti SSSR (1960), No. 34, item 324

[Excerpt]

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Article 4. Internal sea waters of the USSR shall include:

(a) waters of ports of the USSR, delimited seaward by lines passing through the farthest extending points of hydrotechnical or other structures of ports seaward;

(b) waters of bays, inlets, coves, and estuaries, whose entire shores belong to the USSR, up to a straight line drawn from shore to shore in a place where, seaward, one or several passages are first formed, if the breadth of each of these does not exceed 24 nautical miles;

(c) waters of bays, inlets, coves, and estuaries, seas, and straits, historically belonging to the USSR.

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