



**U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
Freedom of Navigation (FON) Report
for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016**

Below is a summary of excessive maritime claims that were challenged by DoD operational assertions and activities during the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, in order to preserve the rights, freedoms, and uses of the sea and airspace guaranteed to all nations under international law:

Claimant	Excessive Maritime Claims
Albania*	Prior authorization required for foreign warships to enter the territorial sea (TTS); excessive straight baselines.
Brazil	Consent required for military exercises or maneuvers in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).
Cambodia	Excessive straight baselines.
China*	Excessive straight baselines; jurisdiction over airspace above the EEZ; restriction on foreign aircraft flying through an Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) without the intent to enter national airspace; domestic law criminalizing survey activity by foreign entities in the EEZ; prior permission required for innocent passage of foreign military ships through the TTS.
Croatia	Prior notification required for foreign warships to exercise innocent passage in the TTS.
India*	Prior consent required for military exercises or maneuvers in the EEZ; security jurisdiction claimed in the contiguous zone.
Indonesia*	Limits on archipelagic sea lane passage through normal routes used for international navigation; prior notification required for foreign warships to enter the TTS and archipelagic waters; restriction on stopping, dropping anchor, or cruising without legitimate reason in seas adjoining TTS.
Iran*	Restrictions on right of transit passage through Strait of Hormuz to Parties of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; prohibition on foreign military activities and practices in the EEZ.
Italy	Claimed historic bay status for the Gulf of Taranto.
Japan	Excessive straight baselines.
Malaysia*	Prior authorization required for nuclear-powered ships to enter the TTS; military exercises or maneuvers in the EEZ requires prior consent.
Maldives*	Prior authorization required for foreign ships to enter the EEZ.

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Malta	Passage by foreign warships through the TTS subject to prior consent or prior notification.
Oman*	Prior permission required for innocent passage of foreign military ships through the TTS; requirement for innocent passage through the Strait of Hormuz (an international strait).
Pakistan*	Prior consent required for foreign warships to conduct military exercises or maneuvers in the EEZ.
Philippines*	Claims archipelagic waters as internal waters.
South Korea	Excessive straight baselines; prior notification required for foreign military or government vessels to enter the TTS.
Taiwan*	Prior notification required for foreign military or government vessels to enter the TTS.
Thailand	Excessive straight baselines; consent required for military exercises in the EEZ.
Tunisia	Excessive straight baselines.
Venezuela*	Prior permission for overflight of the EEZ and Flight Identification Region (FIR).
Vietnam*	Prior notification required for foreign warships to enter the TTS.

*Note: * designates multiple challenges to the claim(s) during the reporting period.*