

Legal Issues on the Pipeline Finnish System

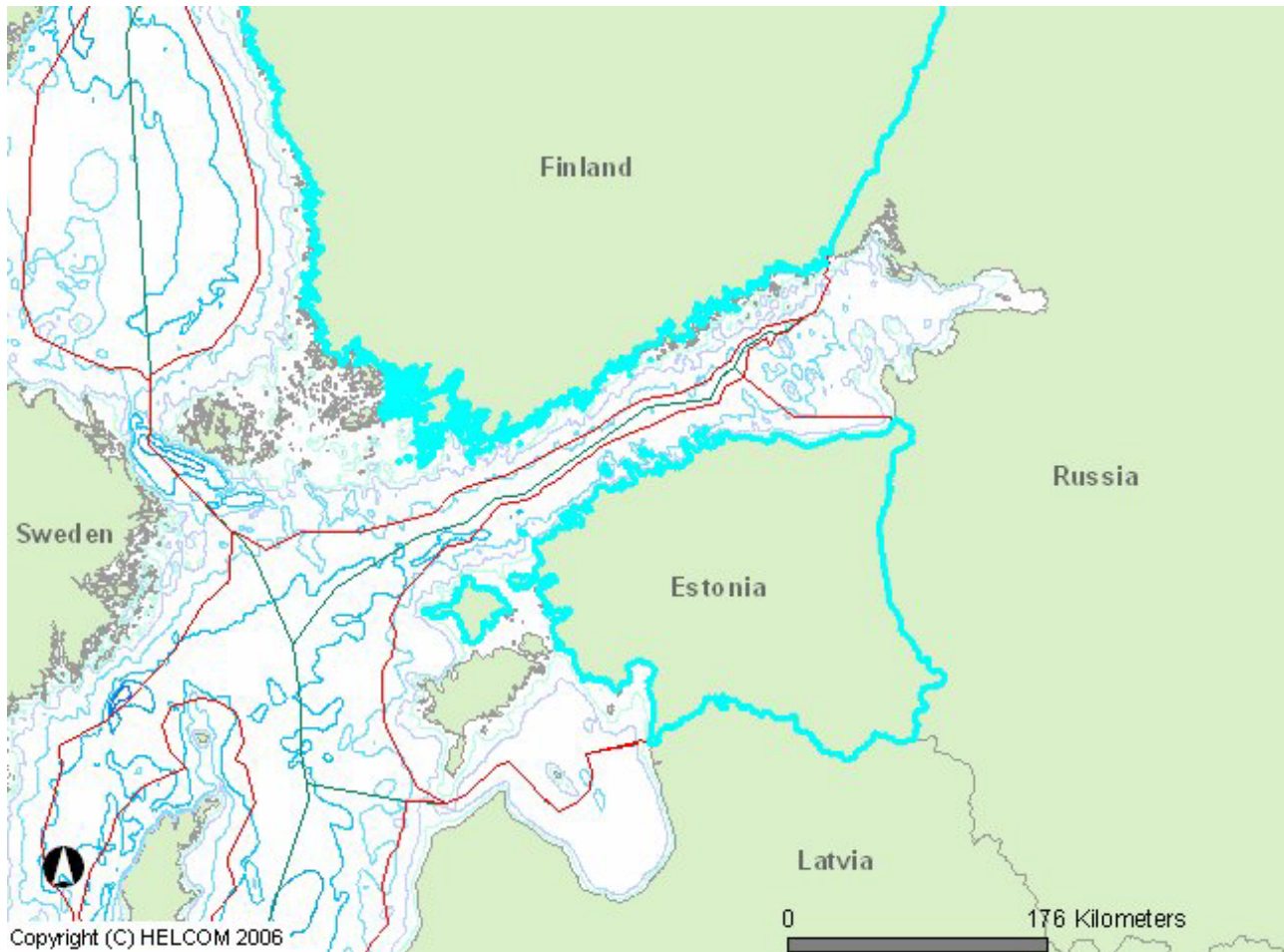
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Relevant Legislation

- Act on the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone
- Water Act
- Environmental Impact Assessment Act
- Environmental Protection Act

Requirements

- EEZ Act: Government's Consent
- Water Act: Permit (Licence)
- EIA Act: Assessment and Statement
- EPA: (if needed): Permit

UNCLOS 1

- Some points:
- the national state (Coastal State) has certain power of discretion in order to protect its rights close to the territorial sea.
- the Coastal State shall have due regard to the rights and duties of other States and shall act in a manner compatible with the provisions of the Convention

UNCLOS 2

- UNCLOS Art. 79: the Coastal State may not prevent other states from locating pipelines and cables in the area.

Conclusions

- The UNCLOS and therefore also the Finnish EEZ Act does not provide for further powers of discretion than those related to the “**use of the right**” of the Coastal State within the EEZ.