

## NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

### Law No. 24815

**Creation. Establishment of the Commission. Objectives. Enforcement Body. Structure. Functions. Implementation of the Mandate. Budget.**

Enacted on: April 23, 1997.

Promulgated on: May 20, 1997.

The Senate and Chamber of Deputies of the Argentine Nation assembled in Congress, etc., enact with force of law:

### LAW CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

#### *Establishment of the Commission*

**Section 1** - The National Commission on the Outer Limit of the Continental Shelf (the "Commission") is hereby created under the direct authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

#### *Objectives*

**Article 2** - The Commission shall draft, according to the provisions in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Section 6 of Law No. 23968, a final proposal to determine the outer limit of the Argentine Continental Shelf.

#### *Enforcement Body*

**Section 3** - The enforcement body of this law is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

#### *Structure*

**Section 4** - The Commission shall be under the direct authority of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, which shall preside over it.

In addition, the Commission shall be made up of a representative of the Naval Hydrographic Service, and another one of the Ministry of Economy and Works and Public Services.

#### *Functions*

**Section 4** - The functions of the Commission are the following:

a) Performing studies and tasks aimed at identifying the characteristics of the Argentine Continental Shelf based on hydrographic, geophysical and geological references, and making proposals for the final determination of its outer limit;

- b) Developing work plans and action programs to fulfill the tasks entrusted to it;
- c) Issuing its Rules of Procedure.

*Implementation of the Mandate*

**Section 6** - To fulfill its mandate, the Commission may:

- a) Require the services and cooperation from the Science and Technology Secretariat, as well as state-owned and private, national and foreign entities;
- b) Consult the Commission of the Geological Chart (Law 24224) and the Mining Undersecretariat in relation to the cartography of the Continental Shelf, the island territory and the Argentine Antarctic Sector;
- c) Require information, technical tasks and other necessary data from the Ministry of Economy and Works and Public Services, through the Works and Public Services Secretariat;
- d) Require from the Naval Hydrographic Service (Law 19822) information, studies and tasks as determined by the Commission to conduct the work entrusted to it.

*Budget*

**Section 7** - The expenses needed to comply with this law shall be charged to the budget appropriations provided for the Commission's functioning in the respective items on the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship.

**Section 8** - Be it communicated to the Executive Branch.

PASSED IN THE SESSION ROOM OF THE ARGENTINE CONGRESS, IN BUENOS AIRES, ON THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN NINETY-SEVEN.

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