



INFORMATION SHEET No 1

OPERATIONAL AREAS AND CLASSIFICATION OF SHIPS

Maritime (Fiji Maritime Code) Regulations 2014

This information sheet has been developed by MSAF to provide guidance with regard to compliance of operational areas and survey of vessels.

The main purpose of this notice is to remind persons all ship owners, ship operators and masters of the requirements of the sea area classifications that correspond to the vessel survey certificate. It has been noted by MSAF that not all definitions are included in one document so this has been included for future changes of legislation and ease of industry use.

What are the specific requirements?

1.3. Operational Areas shall apply to appropriate paragraphs of these Requirements as follows:

1.3.1 '**International Voyage**' means a voyage—

(a) from a port or place in Fiji to a port or place outside Fiji;

(b) from a port or place outside Fiji to a port or place in Fiji; or

(c) from a port or place outside Fiji to another port or place outside Fiji.

1.3.2 '**Near Coastal Trade**' means a voyage, trade or operation of a ship from a port or place in Fiji to any port or place within the limits of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Fiji;

1.3.3 '**Fiji Trade (territorial waters voyage)**' means a voyage, trade or operation of a ship from a port or place in Fiji for more than 15 nautical miles to another port or place in Fiji that is within the archipelagic waters and the territorial seas of Fiji;

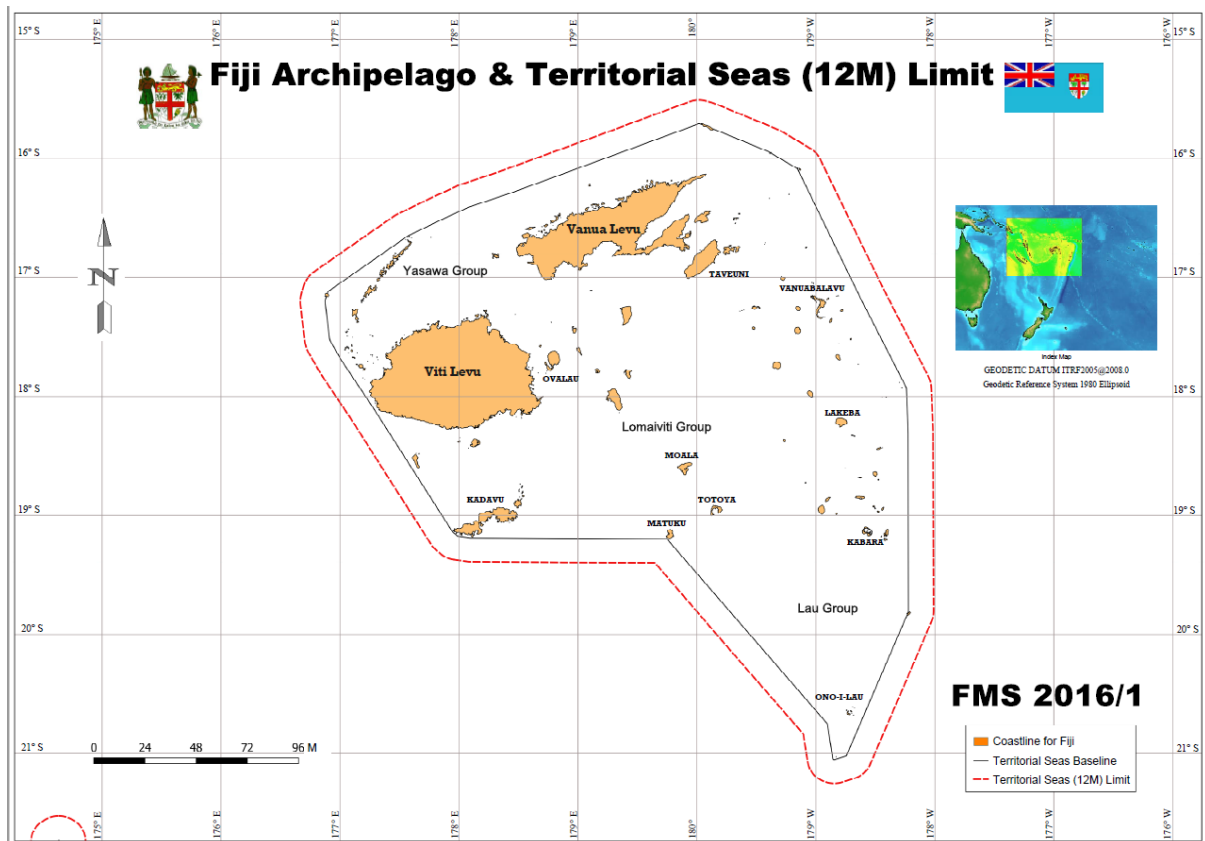
1.3.4 '**Inshore Voyage**' means a voyage, trade or operation of a ship of not more than 15 nautical miles from a port or place in Fiji to another port or place in Fiji within the archipelagic waters of Fiji;

1.3.5 '**Sheltered waters voyage**' means a limited voyage, trade operation of a ship within inland waters and protected waters adjacent to beaches or landings within Fiji.



Note: 'Inland waters voyage' means a voyage, trade or operation of a ship within the inland waters of Fiji which include rivers, lakes and dams which terminates at the shoreline of any island of Fiji.

Most vessels that have survey for **'Fiji Trade (territorial waters voyage)'** are for voyages within the **'Red line'** noted in the Territorial Seas Chart below.



The **'Black Line'** is the Base line under the United nations convention of law of sea (UNCLOS). In Fiji, the inside of the base line is the **'Archipelago waters'**.

Operation of smaller vessels for a **'Sheltered waters voyage'** its noted these are for inland waters as well as adjacent to island beaches and landings.

