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Part XII (Eco-tourism, Marine Parks and Reserves and Mariculture) This part provides for the establishment and regulation, in any area of any maritime zone, of eco-tourism operations, marine park operations, marine reserve operations and maricultural operations.

Part XIII (The Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment) This part provides for the Minister responsible for the environment to make regulations for the protection and preservation of the marine environment including regulations for the prevention, reduction and control of pollution of the marine environment and environmental assessment of economic and other activities in the maritime zones.

Part XIV (General) Clause 50 provides for maritime safety and security in the Maritime zones. Safety zones may be established around the artificial islands, installations and structures in the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in which appropriate measures may be taken to ensure the safety of navigation. Clause 51 provides for sovereign rights of self defence in the maritime zones whereby the President may take any action in any area of the sea or in the airspace above the sea, as is necessary to maintain national sovereignty and territorial integrity in the exercise of the principle of self defence. Under clause 53 the President may by order extend the application of any law of Guyana to the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone (including any area declared to be a designated area) and make provisions as the President may consider necessary for facilitating the enforcement of the law and the law so extended shall have effect in relation to the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone as if those zones to which it had been extended are parts of the territory of Guyana. Clause 55 provides for the consequential amendments of several laws. Clause 56 repeals the unrepealed portions of the Maritime Boundaries Act 1977.

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