



### MAP 5 - Publication of Turkish Search and Rescue (SAR) Regulation, which defines an area of responsibility covering half of the Aegean Sea

In 1988, Turkey adopted the first Regulation on Search and Rescue responsibilities, unilaterally defining a Turkish area of responsibility up to the 25th Meridian, essentially covering the entire area in which it had granted TPAO an oil exploration license in the 1970s. Not only does this area illegally overlap the Greek area of responsibility for search and rescue issues, as determined by ICAO regional Agreements and notified to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) since the 1970s, but it also overlaps parts of Greek territorial waters and Greek islands. The same area of responsibility was also confirmed by Turkey in 2001 when a new Regulation on search and rescue issues was published.

The publication of this Regulation was indicative of Turkey's intentions to obtain full control of the Aegean, rather than confine itself to claims to the continental shelf.