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REVISED BOUNDARY GUIDANCE:
SAUDI ARABIA/UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
IRAQ/JORDAN

Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates

1. The boundary to be depicted between Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates is the one defined in the 1974 agreement between the two countries.
2. The 1974 boundary is to be depicted with a symbol visibly distinct from that used for international boundaries.
3. The 1974 boundary is to be clearly identified in the map legend, or in the map, as a *de facto* boundary.
4. The coordinates for the 1974 boundary are given below. These are provisional coordinates only.

Point	Latitude N	Longitude E
	° ' "	° ' "
1. Persian Gulf shore	24 15 00	51 35 00
2.	24 07 00	51 35 00
3.	22 56 20	52 35 00
4.	22 38 00	55 08 30
5. Umm az Zumul (Oman terminus)	22 42 30	55 12 30

5. The 1974 boundary is not to be extended into the waters of the Persian Gulf.

Iraq/Jordan

1. The boundary to be depicted between Iraq and Jordan is the one defined in the 1984 agreement between the two countries.
2. The 1984 boundary is to be depicted with a symbol visibly distinct from that used for international boundaries.

3. The 1984 boundary is to be clearly identified in the map legend, or in the map, as a **de facto** boundary.

4. The coordinates for the 1984 boundary are given below. These are provisional coordinates only.

Point	Latitude N ° / "	Longitude E ° / "
1. Saudi Arabia terminus	32 09 15.24	39 12 03.43
2.	32 13 48.78	38 18 04.21
3.	32 21 19.95	39 15 36.00
4.	32 18 14.58	39 02 37.16
5.	32 28 39.57	38 59 09.66
6.	32 30 05.45	39 05 09.64
7. Syria terminus	33 22 28.71	38 47 36.97

Background

Evidence of ratification of the 1974 Saudi Arabia/United Arab Emirates boundary agreement is lacking. The agreement has not been deposited with the United Nations. Jordan ratified the 1984 agreement with Iraq, but evidence of Iraqi ratification is lacking. This agreement also has not been deposited with the United Nations. Therefore, these boundaries cannot be depicted as having full international status. Evidence does indicate, however, that they are the boundaries respected in practice by the signatory states. Earlier USG maps depicting previous boundary lines do not reflect the current de facto situation and should be updated.



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Iraq/Jordan Boundary



