

Arrangement between the EU and the Government of Israel concerning the implementation of Protocol 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, on the other part

- (1) The European Commission and the Government of Israel hereby agree on an arrangement to deal with certain technical issues concerning the implementation of Protocol 4 of the Association Agreement. The parties shall make public statements to this effect.
- (2) This arrangement is without prejudice to the positions of the parties to the Association Agreement concerning the application of that Agreement.
- (3) The name of the city, village or industrial zone where production conferring originating status has taken place¹ shall be indicated on all movement certificates (inc. invoice declaration of approved exporters and invoices) seeking, upon import to the EU, preferential treatment conferred by the Association Agreement. Upon conclusion of this arrangement Israeli Customs will issue guidelines to the implementation of this arrangement. The guidelines and future amendments of them will be submitted before publication to the European Commission in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 8(a) and (b).
- (4) All pending requests for verification received by Israeli Customs shall be answered in accordance with this arrangement.
- (5) All request for verification replied to by Israeli Customs before the conclusion of this arrangement will be answered according to this arrangement. Upon receipt of new information supplied by Israel pursuant to this arrangement, reimbursement of customs duties and/or deposits paid of the communication of the customs debt to the debtor will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Community Customs Code.
- (6) Upon conclusion of this arrangement the Commission shall cancel the notice to importers (published in the Official Journal on November 23, 2001) and publish a revised notice to reflect this arrangement.
- (7) Upon conclusion of this arrangement the European Commission will recommend to the Council to amend Protocol 4 of the Association Agreement to extend the Pan Euro Med system of cumulation of origin to Israel, in accordance with the Resolution of the Trade Ministerial Conference held in Palermo, July 2003.
- (8) (a) The parties shall consult at the request of either party on any technical question arising out of the application of this arrangement. (b) These consultations shall take place between members of the Mission of the State of Israel to the European Communities in Brussels (the representatives of the Min. of Industry, Trade and Labor and of the Customs Authority) and representatives of the European Commission. (c) During the time of discussions, the EU Customs services shall release the goods to the importer without delay.

¹ As stipulated in Articles 4 & 5 to Protocol 4 of the Association Agreement