

Procedure file

Basic information		
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2011/0457(NLE)	Procedure completed
EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: technical adaptations. EU/Israel Protocol See also 1995/0276(AVC) Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.15.06 Fishing industry and statistics, fishery products 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.20.04 Union Customs Code, tariffs, preferential arrangements, rules of origin 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy Geographical area Israel		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	INTA International Trade		29/02/2012
		S&D MOREIRA Vital	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3203	29/11/2012
	Foreign Affairs	3159	23/04/2012
European Commission	Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Commissioner	

Key events			
21/12/2011	Preparatory document	COM(2011)0926	Summary
03/04/2012	Legislative proposal published	07433/2012	Summary
03/07/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/10/2012	Vote in committee		

15/10/2012	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0318/2012	Summary
21/11/2012	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/11/2012	Decision by Parliament	T7-0438/2012	Summary
29/11/2012	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/11/2012	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/01/2013	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2011/0457(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 1995/0276(AVC)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207-p4; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/7/08403

Documentation gateway

Preparatory document	COM(2011)0926	21/12/2011	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	07433/2012	03/04/2012	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	07470/2012	03/04/2012	CSL	
Committee draft report	PE492.819	24/07/2012	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE496.463	21/09/2012	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0318/2012	15/10/2012	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T7-0438/2012	21/11/2012	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2013/66](#)
[OJ L 031 31.01.2013, p. 0002](#) Summary

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 14 October 2005, the Council authorised the Commission to conduct negotiations within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement with the State of Israel, taking into account the progress made by Israel as regards the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan, in order to achieve greater liberalisation of reciprocal trade in agricultural, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products, in the spirit of the Barcelona Process and in line with the principles of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the conclusions of the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg on 30-31 May 2005.

The European Commission and Israel officially opened the negotiations on 19 June 2006 in Tel-Aviv and concluded on 30 April 2008. The new Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters was signed on 4 November 2009 in Brussels and entered into force on 1 January 2010.

After the application of the new agreement, on 26 April 2010, the Israeli Embassy signalled a problem - customs duty charged on import into the EU of chemically pure lactose originating in Israel.

After deep analysis, the Commission services came to the conclusion that, as during negotiations the initial wording of Article 7: definition of industrial products in the EU-IL Association agreement was modified in order to align it with the WTO definition, the Commission unintentionally withdrew an existing tariff concession.

It is necessary to review the Agreement in order to take account of this error.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, amending Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The following technical changes are required to modify an error made by the Commission in an earlier version of the Agreement.

- In the new Protocol 1 (EU concessions granted to Israel), in the list of sensitive products CN subheadings 1702 11 00 (chemically pure lactose) ex 1702 30 50 and ex 1702 30 90 (chemically pure glucose) were not mentioned as excluded from heading 1702, (which during the negotiations with Israel was on the whole considered as sensitive on the EU side). Therefore, since 1.1.2010, the EU side was applying full duty to imports from Israel of chemically pure lactose and glucose. These technical changes are required in order to comply with the commitments on market access of agricultural products and processed agricultural products of the previous Agreements.
- Using the opportunity of these necessary technical modifications of the Association Agreement, some additional technical corrections for processed agricultural products were also included, in order to clarify an interpretation in the interest of legal certainty of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters signed on 4 November 2009 between the European Communities and the State of Israel concerning reciprocal liberalisation measures on the above mentioned products.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: technical adaptations. EU/Israel Protocol

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The European Commission and Israel officially opened the negotiations on 19 June 2006 in Tel-Aviv and concluded on 30 April 2008. The new Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters was signed on 4 November 2009 in Brussels and entered into force on 1 January 2010.

After the application of the new agreement, on 26 April 2010, the Israeli Embassy signalled a problem customs duty charged on import into the EU of chemically pure lactose originating in Israel.

On 19 September 2011, the Commission and Israel concluded the negotiation of the necessary technical adjustments, which are contained in a new Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

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BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: technical adaptations. EU/Israel Protocol

The Committee on International Trade adopted the recommendation of Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part.

Members recommend that the European Parliament gives its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EC/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement: technical adaptations. EU/Israel Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 542 votes to 113 with 31 abstentions a legislative resolution approving the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Israel, of the other part.

Parliament gives its consent to conclusion of the Agreement.

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NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2013/66/EU on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part.

BACKGROUND: on 20 November 1995, the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, was signed.

On 14 November 2005, the Council authorised the Commission to conduct negotiations in order to achieve greater liberalisation of trade in agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products with certain Mediterranean countries.

The negotiations with Israel were successfully concluded on 18 July 2008. The results of those negotiations are contained in an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the State of Israel concerning reciprocal liberalisation measures on agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products, the replacement of Protocols 1 and 2 and their Annexes and amendments 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, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 January 2010.

After the entry into force of the 2010 Agreement, the European Commission and Israel held a number of technical meetings relating to its implementation. Those meetings showed that some technical adjustments to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement were necessary in order to comply with the commitments of the previous agreements between the European Communities and the State of Israel, which entered into force in 2000 and 2006. On 19 September 2011, the Commission and Israel concluded the negotiation of the necessary technical adjustments, which are contained in a new Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

The Agreement was signed on 18 June 2012, in compliance with Council Decision 2012/338/EU.

The Agreement should be approved.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and

Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, is approved on behalf of the Union.

The amendments seek to modify the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters.

- In the new Protocol 1 (EU concessions granted to Israel), in the list of sensitive products CN subheadings 1702 11 00 (chemically pure lactose) ex 1702 30 50 and ex 1702 30 90 (chemically pure glucose) were not mentioned as excluded from heading 1702, (which during the negotiations with Israel was on the whole considered as sensitive on the EU side). Therefore, since 1.1.2010, the EU side was applying full duty to imports from Israel of chemically pure lactose and glucose. These technical changes are required in order to comply with the commitments on market access of agricultural products and processed agricultural products of the previous Agreements.

- Using the opportunity of these necessary technical modifications of the Association Agreement, some additional technical corrections for processed agricultural products were also included, in order to clarify an interpretation in the interest of legal certainty of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters signed on 4 November 2009 between the European Communities and the State of Israel concerning reciprocal liberalisation measures on the above mentioned products.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision enters into force on 30/11/2012. The Agreement enters into force when the necessary procedures for this purpose have been completed.