

**Question for written answer E-003507/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Interpretative notice on indication of origin of goods from the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967

The Commission adopted on 11 November 2015 an interpretative notice on the indication of origin of goods from the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967.

Through this interpretative notice, the EU continues to ensure that EU legislation applies to Israel within its internationally recognised, i.e. pre-1967, borders. The interpretative notice recalls that when the indication of origin is mandatory (explicitly required) the information must be correct and not misleading.

According to the Commission, the EU legislation on indication of origin is very clear: 'Made in Israel' used for products coming from Israeli settlements would mislead the consumer and is therefore inconsistent with existing EU legislation.

Acknowledging that equal treatment is one of the main rules of the World Trade Organisation, and that the EU has been underlining this rule for many years, the interpretative notice goes far beyond this principle.

Considering that there are other controversial territories in the world, why has the Commission pointed out only Israel and adopted this interpretative notice, which is clearly discriminatory and strengthens the radical elements which require boycott against Israel?