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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Labelling of products from Israeli settlements

The Court of Justice has confirmed¹ that, to ensure that consumers in the EU are accurately informed about the origins of the products they are buying, a precise distinction must be made between products which come from the State of Israel in its internationally recognised borders (‘made in Israel’), and those which come from the settlements in the territories that international law defines as occupied since June 1967.

A recent study² by the European Middle East Project (EuMEP) found that consumers are not being correctly informed. The study examined wines produced in Israeli settlements in the Syrian Golan Heights and the West Bank, and found that only 10% of these wines on sale in the EU had correct or partially correct origin labelling in line with EU rules.

1 What measures is the Commission taking to remind Member States of their obligation to ensure that the origin of settlement products marketed in the EU is clearly displayed on their labels?

2 Will the Commission open infringement proceedings against Member States that breach their obligations?

¹ Judgment in Case C-363/18 12 November 2019
² ‘Passive enforcement: origin indication of Israeli settlement wines on sale in the EU’, EuMEP November 2019