

**Question for written answer E-001157/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Second follow-up to the Commission's answer to question E-005112/2021 on the decision to register ECI(2021)000008 and the competence of the Commission to stop trade with illegal settlements

In its answer¹ to question E-005112/2021², the Commission states that 'in line with international law, all agreements between Israel and the EU must explicitly indicate their applicability to the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967.'

However, many legal scholars and experts, including the UN Special Rapporteur and Human Rights Watch, believe that the EU should not trade at all with illegal settlements under its international obligations of non-recognition and non-assistance, citing the violation of peremptory norms of international law.

While the Commission may decide to ignore these obligations, Member States may consider stopping trade with illegal settlements that violate the highest norms of international law as an issue of public morality and public policy.

Is it the Commission's position that it has the authority to decide for Member States what constitutes public morality and public policy under Article 24.2.(a) of the EU Common Rules for Imports?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005112-ASW_EN.html#def3

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005112_EN.html