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Subject: Imports from Israeli settlements

Products from Israel's illegal settlements imported into the EU are not entitled to preferential treatment. The EU-Israel Technical Arrangement is supposed to enable Member State customs authorities to identify such products based on the postcodes of their place of origin and to reject any claims for preferential tariffs. However, there are ongoing concerns about the effectiveness of this arrangement.

- 1. How does the Commission monitor the operation of the Technical Arrangement and ensure its consistent implementation by all EU Member States and Israel?
- 2. Does the Commission collect any figures on the functioning of the Technical Arrangement and can it provide these figures, such as the number of preference claims for settlement products that have been rejected, the number of false declarations of origin, and the value of customs duty imposed by Member States on goods from settlements?
- 3. For products from locations straddling the 1967 border, Member States are supposed to contact the Commission for clarification of the exact location. The Commission should in turn keep a database of such cases. How many cases are there in the database?