

**Question for written answer E-002831/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Clare Daly (The Left)

Subject: Trade with illegal Israeli settlements

The Israeli settlements in the Palestinian and Syrian territories occupied by Israel are not assigned a code in Commission Regulation (EU) No 1106/2012 of 27 November 2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries, as regards the update of the nomenclature of countries and territories¹, so there is no data on imports or exports between the EU and these settlements.

1. Does this mean that there are no inspections by EU countries of products exported to, or imported from, the illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Golan Heights?
2. If this is the case, will the Commission take appropriate action to ensure that such inspections be put in place to prevent an Israeli exporter or importer from falsely claiming to be an Israeli exporter or importer in Israel, when in fact it is in a settlement, and to ensure that the purported exclusion of these settlements from the benefits of the EU-Israel Association Agreement is monitored?
3. Lastly, will the Commission take steps to ban EU trade with settlements, in order to uphold international law?

¹ OJ L 328, 28.11.2012, p. 7.