

ORAL QUESTION H-0268/03

for Question Time at the part-session in May 2003

pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Irregular application of EC-Israel trade-related agreements

On 23 November 2001 the Commission stated that 'it is now confirmed that Israel issues proof of origin for products coming from places brought under Israeli administration since 1967'.

Israel has stated that it bases its determinations of the origin of the products it exports under its agreements with the EC on its own national legislation, which, in contravention of public international law, mandates the establishment of Israeli settlements in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967 and Israel's unilateral annexation of parts of those territories.

Since all European Community external agreements are made in public international law and must be interpreted and implemented in accordance with its requirements, has the Commission concluded that the determinations of origin made by Israel's customs under the EC-Israel Association Agreement are not legally made?

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