

ORAL QUESTION H-0694/03
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Application of the EC-Israel Association Agreement

In the plenary debate of 4 September on the "Application of the EC-Israel Association Agreement" the Commission was asked why it had not notified the Member States that Israel's definition of territoriality is illegal. Commissioner Nielsen replied that the Commission had already done this in a notice to importers issued in November 2001.

Has the Commission indeed confirmed to the Member States that Israel's customs authorities apply an illegal definition of territoriality to determine the origin of all products exported under that Agreement? Has the Commission confirmed to the Member States that Israel's customs authorities do not distinguish between production carried out in settlements and production carried out in the territory of the State of Israel whenever they issue proofs of origin? Does the Commission expect the Member States to check the origin of all imports from Israel?

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