

Question for written answer P-007915/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Mislabelling of goods produced in occupied West Bank due to Israeli ZIP code switch

The former EU Ambassador to Israel, Mr Faaborg-Andersen has been reported as stating that the continuous evolution of Israel's seven digit ZIP code system introduced in 2013, has made it impossible for the EU to know which codes apply to illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Golan Heights. This appears in the minutes from his meeting on 19 June 2017 with the Israeli minister for the economy.

Could the Commission explain what caused this problem exactly, and whether it still exists?

If it has been resolved, could the Commission explain the solution which has been found?

If the problem has not been resolved, what further measures will be taken by the Commission to ensure that Israeli goods originating in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Golan Heights will not benefit from the privileges of the Israel-EU Association Agreement, and that European consumers are protected from purchasing goods with incorrect labelling from illegal Israeli settlements?