

**Question for written answer E-004114/2026  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Follow-up questions on custom practices regarding imports from the illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

In its replies to Written Questions E-001633/2026<sup>1</sup> and E-000112/2026<sup>2</sup>, the Commission states that the customs surveillance system<sup>3</sup> does not collect information on goods entering the EU from Israeli settlements, and that national customs authorities do not possess tools to notify the Commission when products coming from illegal Israeli settlements in the OPTs enter the EU. In the light of the EU differentiation policy towards products coming from the illegal Israeli settlements, the violation of which, through mislabelling or other practices, would constitute customs fraud against EU countries, could the Commission clarify:

1. why the customs surveillance system does not collect data regarding imports from illegal Israeli settlements, and if the Commission is willing to collect these data in the light of the trade restriction mechanisms that several Member States have put in place or are willing to put in place;
2. whether the Commission collects information regarding requests for assistance in customs matters sent by Member States to the Israeli authorities<sup>4</sup>;
3. if the EU-Israel association agreement provides for the temporary suspension of preferential treatment in cases of customs fraud<sup>5</sup>?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-001633-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-001633-ASW_EN.html).

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000112-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000112-ASW_EN.html).

<sup>3</sup> [https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/online-services/online-services-and-databases-customs/surveillance-system\\_en](https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/online-services/online-services-and-databases-customs/surveillance-system_en).

<sup>4</sup> Namely, the requests for assistance envisaged by Article 3 of Protocol 5 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part.

<sup>5</sup> Meaning, by way of example, provisions that could have the same effects as Article 82.2 of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part, or Article 23bis of the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip,

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