

**EC-ISRAEL**  
**Summary Fact Sheet**  
**June 2007**

**Table 1: Background Information**

Parties	EC, Israel	
Date of signature	20 November 1995	
Date of entry into force	1 June 2000	
Transition period for full implementation	None	
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Website addresses or points of contact	Israel: <a href="http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/go.asp?MFAH00ua0">http://www.mfa.gov.il/mfa/go.asp?MFAH00ua0</a> EC: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/israel/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/trade/issues/bilateral/countries/israel/index_en.htm</a>	
List of related GATT/WTO documents	WT/REG110/N/1 WT/REG110/1 WT/REG110/2 WT/REG110/2/Corr.1 WT/REG110/3 WT/REG110/3/Corr.1 WT/REG110/M1- M/2	Notification Agreement Terms of Reference Terms of Reference - Corr. Standard Format Standard Format - Corr. Summary Records

**Table 2: Internal Trade Liberalization**

Import duties and charges	Article 8, 9 (industrial products) Article 9 (Tariff Rates Quotas) Annexes III ,IV and VI Article 11-15 (agricultural products) Protocols 1 and 2 <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/med_mideast/euro_med_partnership/israel_asso_agree.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/med_mideast/euro_med_partnership/israel_asso_agree.htm</a> . Articles 16 and 19 (common provisions)
Export duties and charges	The Agreement prohibits the application of customs duties or measures having equivalent effect on exports between the EC and Israel.
Non-tariff measures	Quantitative restrictions on imports and measures having equivalent effect between Israel and the EC are prohibited.
Sector-specific rules	Agricultural products originating in Israel benefit on import into the EC from the provisions set out in Protocol 1. Agricultural products originating in the Community benefit on import into Israel from the provisions set out in Protocol 2. Annex II to VIdeal with processed agricultural products

**Table 3: Common External Tariff**

Provisions	None
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**Table 4: Provisions of the Agreement**

Provision	Relevant Article(s)	Additional Information
Rules of Origin	Article 28 and Protocol Number 4	Title II of Protocol 4 of the Agreement defines 'originating products.' Evidence of the originating status of products is furnished by the EUR.1 movement certificate. The concept of bilateral cumulation with materials originating in the EC is treated in Article 3 of Title II of Protocol 4 of the Agreement.
Standards-related measures	Article 47	The Parties undertake to conclude, where appropriate, agreements on mutual recognition in the field of conformity assessment.
SPS measures	Article 46	Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures shall apply to certain cut flowers and fruits as set in Protocol Number 3.

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Safeguard mechanisms (intra-trade)	Article 23, Article 25 and Article 26	Safeguards may be used with the approval of the Association Committee, where the increase in imports of a product causes serious injury to domestic producers or serious disturbances and deterioration to any sector. In case of serious balance of payment difficulties restrictive procedures complying with the GATT and Articles VIII and XIV of the Articles of Agreement of the IMF may be exercised.
Anti-dumping and countervailing measures	Article 22 and Article 25 (3a)	If one of the Parties finds that dumping is taking place in its trade with the other party, appropriate measures in accordance with Article VI of GATT, its related internal legislation and respecting the information exchange procedures established by the Agreement may be taken.
Subsidies and state aid	Article 36 (1(iii)) and (2)	Any public aid which distorts or threatens to distort competition is incompatible with the proper functioning of the Agreement. Member States and Israel shall progressively adjust any state monopolies of a commercial character to ensure that, by the end of the fifth year following the Agreement's entry into force, no discrimination exists between nationals of the Member States and of Israel.
Customs-related procedures	Article 6 and Article 49	The parties will establish a dialogue on customs matters and will simplify and computerise customs procedures and provide mutual assistance. The Combined Nomenclature and the Israeli customs tariff shall be used for the classification of goods in trade between the Parties
IPR	Article 39 and Annex VII	Implementation of these provisions shall be regularly assessed by the Parties. If difficulties affecting trade arise in connection with intellectual, industrial and commercial property rights, either Party may request urgent consultations to find mutually satisfactory solutions.
Government procurement	Article 35	Measures with a view to the mutual opening of government procurement and the procurement market of undertakings in the utilities sectors beyond what has been mutually covered under the WTO Government Procurement Agreement, to which they are both signatories, are to take place.
Competition	Article 36	Each Party shall adopt or maintain measures to proscribe anticompetitive activities and shall take appropriate enforcement action pursuant to those measures.
Investment	Articles 31-34	
General exceptions	Article 27	Measures to, <i>inter alia</i> , protect public morals, health, imports or exports of gold or silver, public security, animals or plants, of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value and the protection of intellectual and commercial property
Accession	None	
Dispute resolution	Article 75	This section establishes the dispute resolution process. There are also provisions for dispute settlement for emergency action.
Relation with other trade agreements	Article 21	The Agreement does not preclude the maintenance or establishment of customs unions, free-trade areas or arrangements for frontier trade insofar as they do not have the effect of altering the trade arrangements provided for in the Agreement.
Institutional provisions	Articles 67-73	An Association Council, at Ministerial level, examines any significant problems arising in the framework of the Agreement; an Association Committee is responsible for management of the Agreement and areas for which the Association Council has delegated power to it.

**Table 5a: Trade data (EC 15 imports from Israel), 2000**

	Value (M Euros)	Percentage of total
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Total	9,876	100%
By HS Section		
Animals and animal products	24	0.2%
Vegetable products	581	5.9%
Animal or vegetable fats	3	0.0%
Prepared foodstuffs	210	2.1%
Mineral products	262	2.7%
Chemical products	1,213	12.3%
Plastics and rubber	617	6.3%
Hides and skins	12	0.1%
Wood and wood products	10	0.1%
Wood pulp products	74	0.8%
Textiles and textile articles	503	5.1%
Footwear, headgear	11	0.1%
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	66	0.7%
Pearls (semi-) precious stones and metals	1995	20.2%
Base metals and articles thereof	395	4.0%
Machinery and mechanical appliances	2763	28.0%
Transportation equipment	129	1.3%
Instruments-measuring, musical	676	6.8%
Arms and ammunition	25	0.3%
Miscellaneous	99	1.0%
Works of art	14	0.1%
Other	194	2.0%

**Table 5b: Trade data (Israel imports from EC-15), 2000**

	Value (M Euros)	Percentage of total
Total	15,693	100%
By HS Section		
Animals and animal products	42	0.3%
Vegetable products	128	0.8%
Animal or vegetable fats	20	0.1%
Prepared foodstuffs	372	2.4%
Mineral products	344	2.2%
Chemical products	1374	8.8%
Plastics and rubber	634	4.0%
Hides and skins	22	0.1%
Wood and wood products	164	1.0%
Wood pulp products	396	2.5%
Textiles and textile articles	484	3.1%
Footwear, headgear	87	0.6%
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos	262	1.7%
Pearls (semi-) precious stones and metals	3923	25.0%
Base metals and articles thereof	665	4.2%
Machinery and mechanical appliances	3887	24.8%
Transportation equipment	1495	9.5%
Instruments-measuring, musical	562	3.6%
Arms and ammunition	4	0.0%
Miscellaneous	310	2.0%
Works of art	6	0.0%
Other	511	3.3%

