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**Nº 45528. Communautés européennes et leurs États membres et Israël**

ACCORD EURO-MÉDITERRANÉEN ÉTABLISSANT UNE ASSOCIATION ENTRE LES COMMUNAUTÉS EUROPÉENNES ET LEURS ÉTATS MEMBRES, D'UNE PART, ET L'ÉTAT D'ISRAËL, D'AUTRE PART. BRUXELLES, 20 NOVEMBRE 1995 [Nations Unies, Recueil des Traités, vol. 2551, I-45528.]

ACCORD SOUS FORME D'ÉCHANGE DE LETTRES ENTRE LA COMMUNAUTÉ EUROPÉENNE ET L'ÉTAT D'ISRAËL CONCERNANT LES MESURES DE LIBÉRALISATION RÉCIPROQUES ET LE REMPLACEMENT DES PROTOCOLES NOS 1 ET 2 DE L'ACCORD D'ASSOCIATION CE-ISRAËL (AVEC ANNEXES). BRUXELLES, 23 DÉCEMBRE 2003\*

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A. Letter from the European Community

Sir,

I have the honour of referring to the negotiations which took place under Article 11 of 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 ("Association Agreement"), in force since 1 June 2000, which states that the Community and the State of Israel shall progressively establish greater liberalisation of their trade in agricultural products of interest to both parties.

These negotiations were held in accordance with the provisions of Article 11, which stipulates that, from 1 January 2000, the Community and Israel shall examine the situation in order to determine the measures to be applied by the Community and Israel from 1 January 2001 in accordance with the objective of progressive greater liberalisation in agriculture.

On the conclusion of the negotiations the two Parties agreed to the following:

1. Protocols Nos 1 and 2 to the Association Agreement and their annexes shall be replaced by Protocols Nos 1 and 2 and their annexes appearing in Annex I and II to this Exchange of Letters.
2. The Exchange of Letters between the European Community ("the Community") and Israel relating to Protocol 1 and concerning imports into the Community of fresh cut flowers and flower buds falling within subheading 0603 10 of the Common Customs Tariff is hereby repealed.

3. The Joint Declaration on live plants and floriculture and horticulture products, appearing in Annex III to this Exchange of Letters, shall be inserted in the Association Agreement.
4. With regard to edible oils falling within HS heading 1507, 1512 and 1514, Israel will start the necessary internal legislative procedures in order to extend the Community's preferences to the percentage which will be decided by the Knesset as a result of its ongoing discussions.
5. From 1 January 2007 the Community and the State of Israel will assess the situation with a view to determining the liberalisation measures to be applied by the Community and the State of Israel from 1 January 2008, in accordance with the objective laid down in Article 11 of the Association Agreement.

The provisions of this Agreement shall be applicable from 1 January 2004.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the agreement of your government to the above.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Έγινε στις Βρυξέλλες, στις  
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23 -12- 2003

Por la Comunidad Europea  
For Det Europæiske Fællesskab  
Für die Europäische Gemeinschaft  
Για την Ευρωπαϊκή Κοινότητα  
For the European Community  
Pour la Communauté européenne  
Per la Comunità europea  
Voor de Europese Gemeenschap  
Pela Comunidade Europeia  
Euroopan yhteisön puolesta  
På Europeiska gemenskapens vägnar

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*Kia*

**ANNEX I**

PROTOCOL No 1  
CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS INTO THE  
COMMUNITY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN ISRAEL

1. The products listed in the Annex, originating in Israel shall be admitted for importation into the Community, according to the conditions contained hereafter and in the Annex.
2.
  - (a) Customs duties are eliminated or reduced as indicated in column "a".
  - (b) For certain products, for which the Common Customs Tariff foresees the application of an ad valorem duty and a specific duty, the rates of reduction, indicated in columns "a" and "c", only apply to the ad valorem duty. However, for the products corresponding to the codes 0207, 0404 10, 0709 90 60, 2204 21 and 2209, the duty reductions also apply to the specific duty.
  - (c) For certain products, customs duties are eliminated within the limit of the tariff quotas listed in column "b" for each of them.
  - (d) For the quantities imported in excess of the quotas, the common customs duties are, according to the product concerned, applied in full or reduced, as indicated in column "c".