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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF
ISRAEL. OTTAWA, 31 JULY 1996

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN
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2.1.2 A AND 2.1.2 B OF THE FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
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**Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs**

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ושר החוץ**

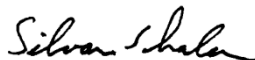
Jerusalem, 15 July 2003

Excellency,

I have the honour to confirm the understanding, as set forth in the Annex to this letter, reached by the delegations of Canada and Israel in the Working Group on Agriculture, established pursuant to Article 8.2 of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement done at Toronto July 31, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the "CIFTA"), to make amendments to Annexes 2.1.2.A and 2.1.2.B of the CIFTA. The purpose of these amendments is to further expand the liberalization of trade in agriculture products between Canada and Israel.

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Sincerely,



Silvan Shalom

His Excellency Mr. Bill Graham
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Bill Graham

**Canada-Israel Free Trade
Agreement
Working Group on
Agriculture**

**Accord de libre-échange
entre le Canada et Israël
Groupe de travail sur
l'agriculture**

**הסכם סחר חופשי
בין ישראל לבין קנדה
קבוצת עבודה בנושא
חקלאות**

April 30 2003

**The Honourable Pierre Pettigrew
Minister of International Trade**

**The Honorable Ehud Olmert
Vice Prime Minister and
Minister of Industry, Trade and
Labor**

Dear Members of the Free Trade Commission:

Pursuant to Article 11.5 of the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CIFTA"), we have the honour to recommend for approval by the Free Trade Commission the amendments to Annex 2.1.2 A and Annex 2.1.2 B of the CIFTA, as set forth in the enclosed appendices.

The amendments set forth to Annex 2.1.2.A and Annex 2.1.2 B have been negotiated by the Working Group on Agriculture for the purpose of expanding the scope of liberalized trade in the free trade area through the further removal of tariffs and other barriers to trade between Canada and Israel.

The amendments are intended to enter into force on the first day of the second month following the completion of the statutory and constitutional procedures, if necessary, and receipt of the latter diplomatic note from the Parties.

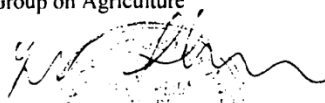
In addition to the substantial improvements included in the appendices to this letter we recommend, that within two years from the entry into force of the amendments as mentioned above, Canada and Israel will enter into discussions to seek additional means of expanding the scope of liberalized trade in agriculture and agri-food products between the two Parties, in order to enhance the free trade area established under the CIFTA.

Sincerely,

For the Working Group on Agriculture



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Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada**


**Yair Shiran
Foreign Trade Administration
Ministry of Industry and Trade
Israel**

Enclosures

Appendix 1: Canada's Offer to Israel

Appendix 2: Israel's Offer to Canada

Appendix 1

CANADA'S OFFER OF CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

H.S.	Product Description	Canada's Offer ¹
0603.10	- Fresh cut roses	- 0% tariff -eliminate TRQ
ex 0702.00	- ex out for Cherry tomatoes, fresh or chilled	- 0% tariff
0705.11 0705.19	- Lettuce, fresh or chilled	- 0% tariff
0709.60	- Fruit of the genus Capsicum or the genus Pimenta (Pepper) - fresh	- 0% tariff
07.10.80.40	- Frozen baby carrots, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water	- 0% tariff
20.02	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved, otherwise than by vinegar	- 0% tariff
20.04.90.10	- Frozen baby carrots, prepared or preserved other than by vinegar or acetic acid	- 0% tariff
ex 20.08.99.90.99 - Other fruit	ex out for Ein Dor Melons (cucumis melo), cubes, in syrup	- 0% tariff
20.09.50	- Tomato juice	- 0% tariff
2106.90.10	Chewing gum, containing 2 mg or more of nicotine; Cream of coconut syrup for use in the manufacture of beverages; Nutmeat substitutes; Tea substitutes; Vegetable preparations for use as flavouring; Elderberry flower concentrate and limeflower concentrate for use in the manufacture of beverages	- 0% tariff
2106.90.21	Syrups derived from cane or beet sugar containing, in the dry state, 90% or more by weight of sugar and no added flavouring matter	- 0% tariff
2106.90.29	Food concentrates and fruit syrups for use in beverages or other food preparations	- 0% tariff
2106.90.40.30	Protein hydrolysates	- 0% tariff
2106.90.91	Concentrated juice of any single fruit or vegetable, fortified with vitamins or minerals	- 0% tariff
2106.90.92	Concentrated mixtures of fruit or vegetable juices, fortified with vitamins or minerals	- 0% tariff
2106.90.96	Compound alcoholic preparations, not based on one or more odoriferous substances, with an alcoholic strength exceeding 0.5% by volume, for use in the manufacture of beverages	- 0% tariff
2106.90.99	Other (excluding jelly powders, ice cream powders and powders for similar preparations)	- 0% tariff

¹Canada's offer is made on the basis that export subsidies for Israeli goods, which benefit from the tariff reductions listed above, are eliminated. If export subsidies are applied to items which receive concessions, Canada reserves the right to apply the MFN duty.