

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL

### Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreement

This report covers the period since 1980.

The Agreement concluded between the European Economic Community and Israel, which entered into force on 1 July 1975, has operated normally and in accordance with its provisions, as has the similar Agreement concluded in respect of goods covered by the European Coal and Steel Community.

The main developments to be reported are the following:

1. On 1 July 1981 and 1 January 1983 the Israeli Government made reductions, to 10 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, in the customs duties and charges having equivalent effect on industrial products originating in the EEC and covered by Article 1:2 of Protocol 2 to the Agreement. The total reduction hitherto in respect of these products has thus reached 50 per cent. These new reductions were made in accordance with the provisions of the second additional Protocol, concluded in 1981, which amended the time-schedule fixed in the Agreement for the elimination of customs duties by Israel within the framework of the free-trade area.

It should be noted that in respect of the other industrial products, covered by Article 1:1 of Protocol 2 to the Agreement, duties and charges had been entirely eliminated by Israel vis-à-vis the EEC on 1 January 1980. On 1 July 1977, the Community, for its part, had entirely eliminated the duties and charges applicable to Israel's industrial products, in addition to the tariff reductions granted on most of Israel's agricultural exports.

2. Following the accession of Greece to the Community on 1 January 1981, the provisions of the Agreement were extended to trade between that country and Israel. Under the provisions of a protocol, with effect from 1 January 1981 imports into Israel originating in Greece receive the same treatment as those originating in the other member States of the Community and, in addition, a transitional period ending on 31 December 1985 has been established for imports into Greece originating in Israel. These transitional measures have been established to take account of the corresponding measures applied by Greece vis-à-vis the Nine.

TRADE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL

Imports by the Community from Israel

(in ECU million)

	Industrial products	Agricultural products	Total
1980 <sup>1</sup>	1,120	479	1,599
1981	1,114	593	1,707
1982	1,166	627	1,793

Source: Eurostat.

Imports by Israel from the Community

(in US\$ million)

	Industrial products	Agricultural products	Total
1980	2,498	206	2,704
1981	2,584	235	2,819
1982	2,784	216	2,999

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics of Israel.

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<sup>1</sup>Without Greece which acceded to the Community as from 1981.