

**Question for written answer E-015525/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU labelling of Israeli products from the West Bank, Gaza and Golan Heights

As a representative from the EEAS noted on 3 December, the EU-Israel relationship is one of the strongest the EU has in the region, yet on 11 November 2015 the Commission published an Interpretative Notice on indication of origin of goods from the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967.

This seems to be a fundamental contradiction. Aggravating one of our strongest partners in the Middle East is neither smart nor effective diplomacy.

There are currently some 200 territorial disputes in the world.

Why has the Commission singled out Israel?

Can we also expect labelling guidelines for northern Cyprus, Taiwan and the Western Sahara in the future?