

EC/Israel Agreement: Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (CAA). Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to 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, on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (CAA).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

LEGAL BASE: Articles 207 and 218(6)(a)v) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

BACKGROUND: 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 entered into force on 20 November 1995.

Article 47 of the Association Agreement provides, where appropriate, for the conclusion of a European conformity assessment agreement, and Article 55 of the same Agreement provides for the use of best endeavours to approximate the laws of the Parties.

CONTENT: the proposed decision aims to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to 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, on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products.

For further details on the content of this Protocol, please refer to the summary of the former initial proposal of 22/10/2009.

An EU-Israel consultation procedure is provided for in the proposal in order to strengthen relations between the parties. This procedure aims to:

- carry into effect the information, co-operation, notification, amendment, verification and management functions provided for the Protocol;
- carry into effect the information, co-operation, notification, amendment, verification and management functions provided for in the Annexes to the Protocol;
- if necessary, reply to requests in accordance with the Annexes to the Protocol.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: the proposal has no implications for the Union's budget.