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Call for Input

Israel Bilateral
Renegotiations

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Overview



Overview

In February 2019, the UK and Israel signed the UK-Israel Trade and Partnership Agreement which provides the basis for our trading relationship with Israel and is a platform from which we can begin the process of negotiating a new and more ambitious trade deal.

UK businesses currently benefit from our comprehensive trade deal with Israel, but there are significant opportunities to upgrade this deal. Opportunities include:

- a. Removing and lowering tariffs for major UK exports such as food and drink
- b. Facilitating increased trade in Services, complementing the UK and Israel's Services based economies and cementing the UK as an international services hub
- c. Making it easier for UK companies to do business with Israel and deepening our bilateral relationship in important sectors

We are preparing to open negotiations with Israel to upgrade our existing trade deal. Ahead of agreeing a UK mandate for these negotiations, the Department for International Trade is seeking input from members of the public, businesses, and other interested stakeholders to inform our negotiation objectives and understanding of the economic, environmental and social impacts of an enhanced Free Trade Agreement

(FTA) with Israel.

Areas of interest in our call for input

This call for input provides stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views about an enhanced UK trade agreement with Israel. We are particularly interested in views about:

- Which areas do you want the UK government to prioritise in trade talks with Israel when negotiating an enhanced FTA?
- Are you facing challenges or constraints when attempting to trade or invest in Israel, and if so, how significant is this on your business activity?
- How do you expect your business to respond if restrictions were removed on services trade with Israel?
- Is your business trading innovative goods and services with Israel?

An aerial photograph of a city coastline, likely San Francisco, with a red color overlay. The image shows a dense urban area with a mix of low-rise and high-rise buildings, a winding road, and a body of water on the left. The text "Privacy and confidentiality" is overlaid in white on the upper portion of the image.

Privacy and confidentiality

This notice sets out your rights with respect to how we will use your personal data. The Department for International Trade (DIT) recognises that it has a duty to people whose information it holds to treat that information responsibly, keep it safe and secure, and process it correctly and proportionately. This Privacy Notice broadly explains what information we collect, the purpose for processing, categories of personal information and who we may share it with.

Purpose

The government is committed to an ambitious, transparent, and inclusive UK trade policy that takes account of the views of all sectors of society and international stakeholders, including the general public, devolved administrations and the regions, businesses, civil society groups, consumers, associations and any other interested stakeholders.

The government is therefore running an 8-week Call for Input on future trade negotiations between UK and Israel.

The personal information received in response to the Call for Input will be processed for the purposes of obtaining the opinions of members of the public and representatives of businesses and other organisations about the matters referred to in the Call for Input.

In addition, we use your personal data to help us identify any responses from bots or other fraudulent sources to maintain the integrity of the Call for Input. We may also use your contact details, with your consent, to get in touch with you to discuss your response to the Call for Input or to get in touch to discuss other trade related issues. Personal information may also be collected for statistical data, for example in relation to the types of individuals and groups that participate in the Call for Input. We may also use your contact details to remove your response if you instruct us to do so.

Children's privacy protection

DIT consultations are not designed for, or targeted at, children aged 13 or less. It is not our policy to intentionally collect or maintain data about anyone aged 13 or less.

Legal basis for processing your data

The processing of personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Department for International Trade. The task is consulting on departmental policies or proposals, or obtaining opinion data, in order to develop good and effective policies. In this case, the task will include:

- Designing an effective trade agreement.

- Ensuring that the UK's policy with regards to negotiations captures the views of its stakeholders.
- Enabling DIT to follow up on the points raised in the Call for Input.

Legal condition for processing your special category data

The condition for collecting this information and processing your special category data is:

- Your explicit consent

Your Personal Data

Mandatory Information to be collected as part of the Call for Input:

- Name (first name and surname)
- Email Address
- Internet Protocol address (IP address)
- Name of Organisation / Business / Organisation you represent, if any

Your Special Category Data

With your explicit consent we will collect data that may:

- Concern your health
- Reveal your trade union membership

How we may share your information

Your personal data will be processed and shared within the Department for International Trade and with selected third parties.

Third parties with whom information and personal data will be shared with are:

- Qualtrics, who are the data processor.
- Other government departments including but not limited to: Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Department for Transport; HM Revenue & Customs; HM Treasury; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office; Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.
- Specialist organisations within government (including the Office for National Statistics) and externally to process the data to provide an aggregated assessment of responses.

Aggregated analysis of responses may be shared

with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA), the National Audit Office (NAO) and central government departments. Should there be a requirement to share your personal data with other third parties not included in this list, you will be notified beforehand via a revised privacy notice.

We will not:

- Sell or rent your data to third parties
- Share your data with third parties for marketing purposes

We will also share your data if we are required to do so by law or regulation – for example, by court order, or to prevent fraud or other crime

How long we will retain your information

We will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, accounting, or reporting requirements. We will only retain your personal data for as long as:

- It is needed for the purposes set out in this document
- The law requires us to

Subject to the paragraph above, we will retain your personal data for up to 3 years from the date on which it is provided or subsequently updated and your overall response for up to 10 years, however we conduct regular reviews to ensure we only keep information required for the purpose of which it was collected. Should there be any indication that there will be a business need to extend this retention period, this will be robustly reviewed, and any changes will be clearly outlined and recorded in a revised notice.

Your rights and access to your information

You have the right to request a copy of the personal data that we hold about you. The Data Protection Act (DPA) also gives you additional rights that refer to how the DIT holds and uses your information.

Consequently, under certain circumstances, by law you have the right to:

1. Raise an objection to how your data is processed.
2. Withdraw consent and the right to object and restrict further processing of your data; however, where legally enforceable this may affect the service, we are able to provide to you.
3. Request to have your data deleted where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing and provided that there are no legitimate grounds for retaining it.
4. Request your data to be rectified if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
5. Not be subject to automated decision-making

including profiling.

6. Request details about how your personal data is processed and to request a copy of your personal data.

Identity and contact details

The Department for International Trade is registered as a Data Controller under the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018.

Our contact details are:

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You have a right to complain to us if you think we have not complied with our obligation for handling your personal information. You can contact our Data Protection Officer using the same contact.

If you are not satisfied with the DIT response you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). You can report a concern by visiting the ICO website.

For more information about your rights under the Data Protection Act or to request a copy of any data held about you please contact data.protection@trade.gov.uk

Confidentiality

Information provided whilst contributing to this Call for Input, including personal data, may be published, or disclosed in accordance with access to information regimes, primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

If you want the information you provide to be treated confidentially, please be aware that, in accordance with the FOIA and EIR, public authorities are required to comply with a statutory regime and code of practice which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could state using the opportunity provided in the Call for Input questionnaire which information in your response you would like to be treated as confidential and explain the reason for your request (for example, due to reasons of commercial sensitivity). If the information is commercially sensitive, please explain why that is the case. If we receive a request for disclosure of information that has been provided, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

By answering these questions I give my consent for the contents to be used for the purposes of this Call for Input.

This includes the data being shared with other UK government departments as necessary to complete this Call for Input.

Any details of this Call for Input published will not include and personal identifiable details.

Q.1a Do you consent for the voluntary information you provide in this Call for Input to be used as part of the Government's published Call for Input response?

Please note that your consent will be required for this question in order to continue.

Yes

No

Q.1b Please provide a reason as to why you do not give your consent for your response to be used as part of the Government published Call for Input response.

a)

b) Prefer not to say

Q.2 Do you consent for the Department for International Trade, or organisations working on their behalf, to contact you regarding the responses you have given?

Yes

No

Q.3

Please limit your response to 100 characters or approximately 20 words

Please provide your first name and surname:

This information is mandatory, please see the privacy and confidentiality statement above for reasons why this information is needed.

Q.4 What is your email address?

By entering your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

This information is mandatory, please see the privacy and confidentiality statement above for reasons why this information is needed.

Part 1 - Identifying the Respondent

Q.5 Please tell us who you are responding as?

- a) **An individual** – You are responding with your personal views, rather than as an official representative of a business / business association / other organisation
- b) **Non-governmental organisation** – In an official capacity as the representative of a non-governmental organisation / academic institution / other organisation
- c) **Public sector body** – In an official capacity as a representative of a devolved administration / local government organisation / public service provider / other public sector body in the UK or elsewhere
- d) **Business** – In an official capacity with the views of an individual business
- e) **Business association** – In an official capacity representing the views of a business organisation

Part 2 - Call for Input questions - Israel

Q.6 Are [you / your business / your organisation] aware of the Trade and Partnership Agreement that came into effect between the UK and Israel in January last year?

[Click here] if you would like to refer to the information note regarding the Trade and Partnership Agreement between the UK and Israel whilst completing your response. Please note this will open in a separate tab.

Q.7 Thinking about potential future trade negotiations between the UK and Israel, which of the following trade-related areas best describe the provisions of the current trading relationship that the government should aim to keep the same? (either under the Trade and Partnership Agreement or under Most Favoured Nation terms)

Please select all that apply.

Click here to refer to the information note, which provides further detail on the trade-related areas listed. Please note this will open in a separate tab.

- a) Goods - Tariffs
- b) Goods - Rules of Origin
- c) Standards and regulation
- d) Services
- e) Trade Remedies
- f) Trade Disputes
- g) Government Procurement
- h) Intellectual property
- i) Other
- j) None of these

Q.8

If you answered anything other than 'None' to the previous question, please answer the further question below:

Please limit your response to 10,000 characters or approximately 2,000 words.

Based on your selection above, which areas of the current UK-Israel trading relationship do you think the UK government should aim to keep the same and why?

Please provide details below and be as specific as possible.

a)

b) Don't know

c) None/no areas

Q.9 Which of the following best describe the areas of the current UK-Israel trading relationship that the UK government should consider changing or improving during future negotiations? (either under the Trade and Partnership Agreement or under Most Favoured Nation terms)

Please select all that apply.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Goods - Tariffs | h) Intellectual property |
| b) Goods - Rules of Origin | i) Other |
| c) Standards and regulation | j) None of these |
| d) Services | |
| e) Trade Remedies | |
| f) Trade Disputes | |
| g) Government Procurement | |

Q.10

If you answered anything other than 'None' to the previous question, please answer the further question below:

Please limit your response to 10,000 characters or approximately 2,000 words.

Based on your selection above, which areas of the current trading relationship between the UK and Israel do you think the UK government should consider changing or improving during future trade negotiations with Israel and why?

Please provide details below and be as specific as possible.

a)

b) Don't know

c) None/no areas

Q.11 Do [you/ the businesses you represent] currently use preferential (i.e., lower) tariffs available in the Trade and Partnership Agreement between the UK and Israel?

Q.12 Do [you/the businesses you represent] face any issues in accessing and using preferential (i.e., lower) tariffs available to [your business/the businesses you represent] under the Trade and Partnership Agreement between the UK and Israel? If so, please describe these issues.

Please provide details below and be as specific as possible.

a)

b) Don't know

c) Not applicable

Q.13 Are there any obstacles other than tariffs that [you/the businesses you represent] experience when trading with Israel that the UK could aim to address in future negotiations? If so, please describe these obstacles.

Please provide details below and be as specific as possible.

a)

b) No obstacles experienced

c) Don't know

Q.14 What are [your / your businesses / your organisation's] main concerns about an enhanced trade agreement (or related talks) with Israel?

Please select all that apply.

a) Tariffs

b) Rules of Origin

c) Customs Procedures

d) Product Standards, Regulation and Certification

e) Good Regulatory Practices and Good Governance

f) Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

g) Services

h) Financial Services

i) Digital

j) Telecoms

k) Innovation

l) Competition Policy, Subsidies and State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)

m) Government Procurement

n) Intellectual Property

o) International Development

p) Investment

q) Labour Standards

r) Gender Equality/Women's Economic Empowerment

s) Environment and Climate Change

t) Trade Remedies

u) Dispute Settlement

v) Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME) policy

w) Recognition of Professional and/or Academic Qualifications

x) Other e.g., anti-corruption, workforce development, human rights etc.

y) None of these

z) Don't know

Q.15 Based on the priority areas you have selected, please provide information on the importance of these issues to [you / your business / your organisation].

a)

b. No

Q.16 Is there anything else that you would want to say about the UK's future trade and investment relationship with Israel?

Please provide details below and be as specific as possible.

a)

b) No

Part 3 - About the Respondent

Part 3A - Individuals

Q.17 Where do you currently live (your main address)?

a)

b) Other, please specify

Q.18

If you answered "In one of the Crown Dependencies"

You stated that you live in one of the Crown Dependencies / in a UK Overseas Territory. In which Crown Dependency / UK Overseas Territory do you currently live (your main address)?

The Crown Dependencies:

UK Overseas Territories

Q.19 What was your age at your last birthday?

Q.20 What is your sex?

a) Female

b) Male

Q.21 Is your gender the same as the sex you were registered at birth?

Q.22 What is your ethnicity?

Other, please specify

Q.23 Are you a member, supporter or donor of an organisation with an interest in trade?

Q.24

If you are a a member supporter or donor of an organisation.

Please list the organisation names below:

a)

b) Prefer not to say

Q.25

If you are a member supporter or donor of an organisation.

Have any of these organisations you are a member, support or donor of with an interest in trade contacted you about UK trade talks with Israel?

Part 3b - Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOS)

Please limit your response to 1,000 characters or approximately 200 words.

Q.26 What is the name of the organisation (e.g. trade union, interest group, charity or academic institution) you are responding on behalf of?

a)

- l) Product regulation / safety
- m) Manufacturing
- n) Transport
- o) Science / Technology
- p) Digital / Technology
- q) Broadcasting / Entertainment
- r) Financial/Business Services
- s) Defence / Security
- t) Academic institution
- u) Other
- v) Prefer not to say

Q.28 Does your organisation have a presence in / operate in Israel?

This information is mandatory, please see the privacy and confidentiality statement above for reasons why this information is needed.

Q.27 Which area does your organisation represent?

Please select all that apply.

- a) Education
- b) Health
- c) Labour / Workers Rights
- d) Human Rights
- e) Religious interests/groups
- f) International Development
- g) Food
- h) Environment and Climate Change
- i) Animals
- j) Farmers
- k) Consumers

Q.29 How many members does your group represent in total?

Q.30 Have any of your members been in contact with your organisation about trade and/or investment with Israel?

Part 3c - Public sector bodies

Please only complete Part 3C if you are responding as a public sector body

Q.31

Please limit your response to 1,000 characters or approximately 200 words

What is the name of the public sector body you are responding on behalf of?

a)

This information is mandatory, please see the privacy and confidentiality statement above for reasons why this information is needed.

Q.32 Which area(s) does your public sector body represent?

- a) Education
- b) Health
- c) Labour / Workers rights
- d) Human rights
- e) Religious interests / Groups
- f) International development
- g) Food
- h) Environment and Climate Change
- i) Animals
- j) Farmers
- k) Consumers
- l) Product regulation / Safety
- m) Manufacturing
- n) Transport
- o) Science / Technology
- p) Digital / Technology
- q) Broadcasting / Entertainment
- r) Financial / Business Services
- s) Defence / Security
- t) Devolved Administration / Local Government UK

- u) National Government (non-UK)
- v) Regional / Local Government (non-UK)
- w) Other
- x) Prefer not to say

Q.33 Does your public sector body have a presence in, or operate in Israel?

Q.34 Have any of your members been in contact with your organisation about trade and/or investment with Israel?

Part 3d - Businesses

Please only complete Part 3D if you are responding as a business

Q.35

Please limit your response to 1,000 characters or approximately 200 words

What is the name of your business?

This information is mandatory, please see the privacy and confidentiality statement above for reasons why this information is needed.

Q.36 What is your Company Number with Companies House?

If you are content to enter this number, we will be able to link your information to our records management and ensure the relevant government officials will be aware of your concerns and priorities.

- a)
- b) Don't know
- c) Prefer not to say
- d) Do not have a company number (Not a UK company)

Q.37 Is your business a subsidiary of a company whose headquarters are based outside the UK?

Q.38

Please note, you only need to answer this question if you answered 'Yes' to the previous question, and your parent company headquarters are based outside of the UK.

In which country is your parent company's headquarters?

a)

b) Prefer not to say

Q.39 Approximately how many employees are currently on your businesses' payroll in the UK across all sites?

Q.40 Does your business currently employ people in Israel?

Q.41 In what sector does your business predominately operate in the UK?

Please select all that apply.

Agriculture

- a) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- b) Other agriculture

Energy and mining

- c) Energy production and distribution (conventional)
- d) Energy production and distribution (renewable)
- e) Mining and extraction
- f) Other energy and mining

Manufacturing

- g) Aerospace

- h) Automotive
- i) Chemicals
- j) Clothing and Textiles
- k) Food, Beverages and Tobacco
- l) ICT and Electronics
- m) Machinery and equipment
- n) Metal products
- o) Pharmaceuticals
- p) Wood, Paper and Printing
- q) Other manufacturing

Construction services

- r) Construction services

Business services

- s) Architecture
- t) Audit or accountancy
- u) Financial services and insurance
- v) Legal services
- w) Real estate
- x) Other business services

Broadcasting, creative and digital sectors

- y) Broadcasting
- z) Digital and information technology
- aa) Creative industry
- bb) Other broadcasting, creative and digital sector

Transport, storage and distribution services

- cc) Air transport
- dd) Water transport
- ee) Storage and distribution
- ff) Other transport

Public services

- gg) Education
- hh) Health and social care
- ii) Other public services

Retail and hospitality

- jj) Retail
- kk) Hotels and restaurants
- ll) Other retail and hospitality
- mm) Prefer not to say

Q.42

This next question is about whether you self-identify as a business producing and trading in goods related to the environment and low carbon economy.

Does your business have a significant focus on the production or trade of environmental goods and services, for example goods or services which can help meet environmental or climate protection goals?

Q.43

This next question is about whether you self-identify as a business producing and trading in innovative goods or services.

Innovative goods or services in this instance could refer to areas that include pre-commercialised or recently commercialised products that use or have been developed through new and emerging technology. These technologies include but are not limited to: Advanced Manufacturing, AI, Bioinformatics and Genomics, Electronics, Energy and Environment Technologies, and Robotics and Smart Machines.

Does your business have a significant focus on the production or trade of innovative goods and services? If so, please describe the nature of these products.

a)

b) No

c) Don't know

Q.44

This next set of questions asks about your business' exporting, importing and investment behaviours.

Which of the following has your business done or tried to do with Israel in the last 12 months?

Please select one answer per row by marking the relevant box.

	Yes, my business has done this	Tried but was not successful	No, have not tried to do this	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Sold a product or delivered a service					
Imported a product or used a service from abroad					
Invested in					
Received investment from					

Q.45

Please only answer this question if you have tried to invest in Israel.

You said that you have, or have tried to, invest in Israel in the last 12 months. What barriers or difficulties did you face when investing in Israel?

a)

b) None

c) Not applicable

Q.46

Please only answer this question if you did not try to do this for any of the options.

You said you have not tried to do any of the following activities with Israel in the last 12 months, are any of these something that you would like to do in the future?

Please select one answer per row.

	Yes, I would consider in the future	No, I would not consider in the future	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Sell a product or deliver a service to Israel				
Import a product or use a service from Israel				
Invest in Israel				
Receive investment from Israel				

Not applicable. Business based outside the UK

Q.47

Please only answer this question if you have or have tried to trade or invest.

What is driving most of your costs when trading with Israel?

a)

b) Don't know

c) Not applicable

Part 3e - Business Associations

Please only complete Part 3E if you are responding as a business association

Q.48

Please limit your response to 1000 characters or approximately 200 words

What is the name of the trade association or business representative organisation you are responding on behalf of?

Q.49 Which business area does your organisation represent?

Agriculture

- a) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
- b) Other agriculture

Energy and mining

- c) Energy production and distribution (conventional)
- d) Energy production and distribution (renewable)
- e) Mining and extraction
- f) Other energy and mining

Manufacturing

- g) Aerospace
- h) Automotive
- i) Chemicals
- j) Clothing and Textiles
- k) Food, Beverages and Tobacco
- l) ICT and Electronics
- m) Machinery and equipment
- n) Metal products

- o) Pharmaceuticals
- p) Wood, Paper and Printing
- q) Other manufacturing

Construction services

- r) Construction services

Business services

- s) Architecture
- t) Audit or accountancy
- u) Financial services and insurance
- v) Legal services
- w) Real estate
- x) Other business services

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- gg) Education
- hh) Health and social care
- ii) Other public services

Retail and hospitality

- jj) Retail
- kk) Hotels and restaurants
- ll) Other retail and hospitality
- mm) Prefer not to say

Q.50 How many members/businesses does your group represent in total?

Q.51 Does your organisation have a presence in / operate in Israel?

Q.52 Have any of your members been in contact with your organisation about trade and/or investment with Israel?

Q.53

Please limit your response to 2000 characters or approximately 500 words

What existing UK government or regional/business group-led trade and/or investment initiatives, if any, have your members told you support them in doing business with Israel?

Please provide a brief overview of what these are and how they help your members.

a)

b) There are no existing trade and/or investment initiatives that support our members

c) Our members have not told us about this

d) Don't know

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