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Report Highlights:

This report supplements GAIN report IS2-24-0020: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports and includes translations of the documents from Hebrew to English referenced in the report. The documents outline the 40 new European Union standards which will be implemented on January 1, 2025, and which will impact U.S. agricultural exports to Israel. The documents include: the “Protection of Public Health Law (Food) – 2015;” the “Tenth Amendment to the Protection of Public Health Law (Food) – 2015;” and the “Official Notice to Food Importers about Amendment No. 10.”

Summary

The documents attached to this report are translations for Israel's official legislation and notification on its recent adoption of 40 new European Union standards related to agriculture. These translations supplement GAIN report IS2-24-0020: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports.¹ The documents are as follows:

1. **Protection of Public Health Law (Food) – 2015:** A food safety law which regulates the production, marketing, and imports of food in Israel. It establishes procedures for identifying both production and the import process.
2. **Tenth Amendment to the Protection of Public Health Law (Food) – 2015:** Amends the original law by adding 40 new European Union standards, the implementation of a food safety plan, and deepening the European Track for so-called "Proper Importers."²
3. **Official Notice to Importers about Amendment No. 10:** A notice to Israeli importers from the Israeli Ministry of Health's Food Control Service which serves as a "preliminary" explanation of the amendment. It notes the ongoing work of informing industry on how the protocols will develop in their application, conditions, and exemptions.

Disclaimer

While every possible care has been taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCTS IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

Access to updates in the legislation or proposed/revised implementation dates (in draft form) are only accessible to those subscribed to the Nevo Legal Database - <https://www.nevo.co.il/>. As a result, Israeli importers heavily rely on lawyers subscribed to the database to remain informed of implementation dates.

Attachments:

[Official Notice to Food Importers about Amendment No. 10 English Translation.docx](#)

[Protection of Public Health Law \(Food\) – 2015 English Translation.doc](#)

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https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Israel%20Adopts%20Additional%20European%20Union%20Standards%20for%20Agricultural%20Imports_Tel%20Aviv_Israel_IS2024-0020

² <https://govextra.gov.il/media/durokv24/the-import-reform2022.pdf>

[Tenth Amendment to the Protection of Public Health Law \(Food\) – 2015 English Translation.docx](#)