Importing Occupation
Infosheet: Israeli Settlement Products in Australia

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Background

Global Echo's investigation, published June 2026 in *Importing Occupation*, draws on some 30,000 Israeli export documents accompanying more than 6,800 shipments of agricultural products between 2017-2026, cross-referenced with official Israeli data on agriculture and trade, extensive field investigations, and interviews with senior industry representatives of Israeli exporting companies, packing houses, and producers. The report focused specifically on Europe, the largest market for these exports: among the 6,800 shipments analysed by Global Echo, approximately 5,900 exports were destined for Europe; of them, **1 in 6 shipments (17.2%)** contained settlement products. The proportion rose to **1 in 5 shipments (19.2%)** among shipments bound for the European Union specifically.

Now, for the first time, Global Echo is releasing its analysis of Israeli agricultural exports to Australia, extending the investigation beyond Europe to this market.

According to the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, in 2025 the total value of exports from Israel to Australia (of Israeli and settlement origin combined) was $499.2 million USD; of that, agricultural products comprised 8.2% and were worth $41 million USD.

Settlement Products to Australia

Out of the 132 shipments to Australia analysed by Global Echo, 85 contained settlement products—in other words, **64% of the analysed shipments to Australia contained settlement goods**. The value of those settlement goods exceeded **$5.5 million USD**.

The settlement products identified in these shipments consisted solely of organic dates, and dates comprised 80% of all shipments tracked to Australia. The remaining shipments reviewed by Global Echo contained specialty products, namely organic jojoba oil and seeds sourced from Israel.

Between January 2025 and August 2026, Global Echo documented 24 shipments of dates to Australia, whereby **20 of the 24 shipments (83%)** were sourced from settlements.

Under Israeli Regulations for the Control of the Export of Plants and Plant Products, the exporter would be required in all of these cases to mark the packages with the words, "Produce of Israel", regardless of whether the contents were produced in settlements located outside Israel's sovereign territory.[1] This regulation applies to all destination countries, including Australia, but allows for additional origin information to be included if required by the destination country. Information about how the packages in these shipments were labelled in fact is not available to Global Echo, and it makes no claim thereto.

[1] Section 10(b)(3) of the Regulations for the Control of the Export of Plants and Plant Products, 5739-1979 requires all crates to be clearly labelled, "Produce of Israel". Section 10(b)(7) stipulates that additional information may be included, as required by the destination country and authorised by the Israeli control service.

Prevalence of Settlement Products Imported to Australia

Date range	Product Type	Number of Shipments	Shipments containing settlement products	Percentage containing settlement products
Aug 2018 - Aug 2026	Dates, jojoba oil, seeds*	132	85	64%
Aug 2018 - Aug 2026	Dates	105	85	81%
Jan 2025 - Aug 2026	Dates	24	20	83%

*Global Echo's dataset covers a sample of Israeli agricultural exports and therefore may not cover the full range of settlement products exported to Australia during this period.

Value of Settlement Products Exported to Australia

Date range	Value of settlement goods identified*
Aug 2018 - Aug 2026	$5,589,177 USD
Jan 2025 - Aug 2026	$1,642,664 USD

*The figures above do not represent the full value of settlement products exported to Australia during these periods; rather, they represent the minimum value of the settlement agricultural goods that Global Echo analysed.

Settlements Supplying the Australian Date Market

This map shows the settlements in the occupied West Bank (inside the dashed line marking the 1967 border) from which the shipments analysed by Global Echo containing Israeli settlement-grown dates were sourced.



The origins of the settlement-grown dates identified by Global Echo in shipments to Australia span the occupied West Bank, including the following settlements: **Netiv Hagdud, Beit Haarava, Arvot Jericho, Tomer,** and **Naaran** in shipments exported by Hadiklaim, and **Hamra, Netiv Hagdud,** and **Mechora** in shipments by Medjool Plus.

Dates in a single shipment are often sourced from a variety of date plantations, as exporters typically source their produce from multiple growers. *Importing Occupation* found that dates grown in Israeli settlements were regularly shipped in the same consignment with dates grown inside Israel's recognized borders.

Australian Importers of Settlement Products

Importer	Total number of shipments	Shipments containing settlement products	Percentage containing settlement products	Affiliated exporters found in shipments
Eco-farms Pty Ltd	32	30	93.7%	Hadiklaim
Dafa Imports	29	29	100%	Hadiklaim
Honest to Goodness	17	17	100%	Medjool Plus
United Organics	7	7	100%	Hadiklaim, Medjool Plus
Organic Fresh Australia	3	2	66.7%	Hadiklaim

Israeli Exporters of Settlement Products

Exporter	Total number of shipments	Shipments containing settlement products	Percentage containing settlement products	Product type
Hadiklaim	71	67	94%	Organic dates
Medjool Plus	18	18	100%	Organic dates

Global Echo does not allege that any of the aforementioned importers or exporters are in breach of Australian, Israeli, or any other applicable law. Australian law does not currently contain any rule equivalent to the EU requirements specifically mandating separate identification of products originating in Israeli settlements from products of Israel.

Global Echo sought comment from each of the importers and exporters listed above. Hadiklaim was the only company to reply, responding on 22 September 2026 with a brief statement asserting that it conducts its operations in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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