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### **To All Food Suppliers**

Israel has a very simple system with which we safeguard the import of food to Israel in order to protect the public health.

All goods supplied to Israel are divided into 2 main categories;

- a. Sensitive food products such as baby food
- b. Regular food products with no special risk

For sensitive food products, it is imperative to open a special file.

Regular food is being randomly inspected in laboratories at the level of 5% of the total shipped.

The Israeli police started to investigate the possibility of malfunction and even claimed bribery among personnel who is charged with performing the special duties of the Ministry of Health.

As a result many files of sensitive food are not opened and processed; and a great amount of regular food is not inspected at the previous level.

This results in containers being delayed in the ports for 2-3 weeks and even more.

The Tel-Aviv Chamber of Commerce is pressing nowadays the Ministry of Health to get organized so that the level of service will not be reduced.

The present expansion of the investigation of the police, to a certain extent, exacerbates the situation.

We are doing whatever possible so that this problem will be solved in the near future.