

Meeting minutes of the Joint Palestinian-Jordanian Economic Committee

Jordan 4th-6th of July 2000

Based on the strong valued relations between the two nations of Palestine and Jordan, under the leadership of President Yasser Arafat and his brother King Abdullah the second;

Activating the economic agreements, meetings, protocols, cooperation agreement in trade aspects signed in Amman on the 26th of January 1995. And the modified agreement signed on the 3rd of May 1995 and the meeting of Joint Palestinian-Jordanian economic committee. (Actual protocol) signed in Amman on the 4th of May 1995.

The Joint Palestinian-Jordanian economic committee held their meetings in Amman during the period 4-6th of July 2000 under his Excellency Mr. Maher Al Masri.

In a friendly atmosphere and shared interests, both sides discussed ways for increasing economic and trade relationships between the two countries; the way to develop in order to increase trade exchange and minimizes all problems that stop it from reaching the required level.

First: Cooperation in trade exchange

1. Both sides will maintain their efforts to establish the free trade area between them gradually until the year 2007, according to the first article of the cooperation agreement on trade signed on the 26 of January 1995, in harmonization with the Great Arab free trade area; both sides agreed on the following:
 - A) The Jordanian product lists (1,2) attached to the joint Palestinian-Jordanian meeting minutes in Amman the 4th of May 1995; to be enlarged to the attached list (A).
 - B) The Palestinian product list (3,4) attached in the Joint Palestinian-Jordanian meeting minutes in Amman, the 4th of May 1995; to be enlarged to the attached list (B).
 - C) Products in these lists are exempted from all customs, fees and other taxes when exported to the other party, excluding fees and taxes held on the local products;
 - D)
 - The Palestinian party reassures on the limitations that influence the competitive capacity for the Palestinian products in the Jordanian market, resulting from the systematic ways and principles used in calculating sales tax on the imported goods to Jordan, including adding custom fee on overall tax for calculating sales tax.
 - Both sides agreed on calculating tax as performing the law of general tax on sales in Jordan on the imported products from the Palestinian side, based on the existing custom fee, on the date of recording custom data.

2. characteristics/discription

Both sides agreed on:

- Approving the results of the laboratory tests issued or approved of the Palestinian Standards Institute or other institutes ...
- Approving the results of the laboratory tests issued or approved by the Association or other laboratories ...to
- both the Jordanian and Palestinian standards institute put

Second: Cooperation in Investment field:

In order to support the objective for finding and developing joint venture opportunities, both sides agreed to sign the agreement on encouragement and protecting investment between the two countries in three weeks ...

Third: cooperation in transportation field:

a) Both sides agreed on transporting goods between the two countries on the basis of direct transportation (door to door) starting from the 1st of august 2000 in accordance to:

1. Performing the agreement on all kinds of goods.
2. No restrictions on the number, kind, quality of trucks including...
3. The Jordanian trucks enters directly through the border entrance point between the two countries to the last destination for the goods in West Bank and Gaza.
4. Jordanian trucks should have a certificate of safety test issued by the Jordanian Authorities before leaving the Jordanian area and after going through the Jordanian safety inspection.
5. Considering the days from Sunday to Thursday for entering the Jordanian trucks from Jordan to the West Bank ...that they come back to Jordan on the same day .
6. Considering the days from Sunday to Wednesday for entering the Jordanian trucks from Jordan to Gaza strip, with one condition: that they should return to Jordan in 24 hours
7. The Palestinian trucks enter directly through the border check point to the final destination in Jordan.
8. Jordanian trucks should accompany a certificate of safety test issued by the Jordanian Authorities before leaving the Jordanian area and after going through the Jordanian safety inspection.
9. Considering the days from Sunday to Thursday for entering the Palestinian trucks from Palestine to Jordan on condition that they should return to the palestinian land on the same day.
10. Both the Jordanian and Palestinian trucks are allowed to load goods in return in condition of doing that soon later
11. Freedom in entrance and exit of the trucks, the load, the drivers to the entrance points without previous permission.
12. to allow empty trucks enter the others country only if they get a permit from the transportation ministry of the other country
13. Documents needed from drivers:
 - A current driving license
 - A current passport
14. Documents needed for the trucks:
 - A current license
 - An insurance policy
15. Documents needed for products:
 - An approved business bill
 - An approved certificate of origin
 - A list of the loaded goods
 - A certificate of security search for the truck and the goods, issued from Jordan
 - Any other document needed for shipping agreed on by the two countries.