

**Excerpt of State's response in HCJ 4906/10**

Fatma Sharif v. Defense Ministry

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15. As part of periodic evaluations of the governmental policy for dealing with the threat of terrorist organizations operating in Gaza, in the framework of the June 20, 2010 announcement of the Ministerial Committee on National Security, it was decided to enact a series of steps to ease the entrance of different goods and materials into the Gaza Strip, and it was decided to permit the entrance of goods whose entrance had previously been banned.

Regarding passage for the population, the announcement [of June 20] did not say anything about expanding the current policy, which permits entrance in humanitarian cases, with emphasis on urgent medical cases ... In accordance with the announcement, the relevant officials are working to streamline the procedural aspects of processing humanitarian and medical requests, including shortening the time necessary to process requests, expanding operating hours, shortening the time needed for security evaluations, etc. To be clear: this decision does nothing to expand the criteria, and it certainly does not permit passage for purposes of Master's degree studies.