

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – REGIME FOR THE IMPORTATION,
SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF BANANAS**

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 7 September 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the
Dispute regarding European Communities – Regime for the Importation,
Sale and Distribution of Bananas

1. At the July DSB meeting the objective of presenting a proposal for amendments to the banana regime was indicated to Members.
 2. Since that time discussions with interested Members have continued and intensified. It appears that most parties would prefer that a tariff rate quota system be maintained, at least in the short term. However, notwithstanding the indications in the report of the Ecuador, there continues to be wide divergence of views on both the acceptability of the possible mechanisms of such a system and on which solutions would be WTO consistent.
 3. On 22 September an update of the situation will be presented to the DSB.
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