

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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 November 2000, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of 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

As was announced at the previous DSB meeting, the EC is finalizing its internal decision-making process with a view to implement the new import regime, based on a "first come-first served" (FCFS) system, rapidly. We recall that FCFS is recognized as a WTO-compatible system for the management of tariff quotas. It is a transparent and straightforward system, open for all operators.
