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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 12 November 1998, 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

In keeping with the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), the European Communities is obliged to inform the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the status of implementation of the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding “European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas”. This matter is again on the agenda of the DSB on 25 November 1998 and, as provided for in Article 21.6 of the DSU, the Community presents its fourth report.

As described in previous status reports, the implementation of the recommendations of the DSB requires a modification of the trade provisions of Regulation 404/93. In this context, the Council of the European Union, after consulting the European Parliament, has adopted Council Regulation No. 1637/98 of 20 July 1998, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (OJEC) L 120 of 28 July 1998.

That Regulation, which was a partial implementation of the DSB recommendations, was followed, by Regulation No. 2362/98 of 28 October 1998, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (OJEC) L 293/32 of 31 October 1998.

With the adoption of this second Regulation, the implementation of the recommendations and rulings in the dispute regarding “European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution of Bananas” is completed.

Both Regulations are now in force. The system will be fully applicable from 1 January 1999.
