

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

SECOND RECOURSE TO ARTICLE 21.5 OF THE DSU BY ECUADOR

Status Report by the European Union¹

Addendum

The following communication, dated 10 December 2009, from the delegation of the European Union to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report Regarding Implementation of the
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute
European Communities – Regime for the Importation, Sale and Distribution,
of Bananas: Second Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Ecuador
(WT/DS27)

The EU reaffirms its intention to bring itself into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB by modifying its scheduled tariff commitments on bananas.

Negotiations between the EU and Latin American banana supplying countries on a comprehensive agreement on bananas have reached a decisive stage and the EU hopes to be able to announce their successful conclusion at the next General Council meeting scheduled on 17 December. The resulting agreement would establish, among other elements, the level of the new EC bound tariff duty.

¹ On 1 December 2009, the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the Treaty of Lisbon, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.