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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 6 December 2001, 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

The European Communities welcome the Decision of the Ministerial Conference of 14 November 2001 waiving Article I of the GATT 1994 to permit the European Communities to comply with its trade commitments under the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement. The European Communities also welcome the adoption of the waiver from the requirements of Article XIII of the GATT 1994 which provides legal security for the implementation of the transitional banana regime through autonomous tariff rate quotas on imports of bananas until 31 December 2005 at the latest.

The European Communities are finalizing their work on the legal instruments that are required at internal level for the management of the three tariff rate quotas after 1 January 2002, so that Phase 2 of the Understandings with the United States and Ecuador can be implemented.
