

**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 Communities

The following communication, dated 8 January 2009, from the delegation of the European Communities 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 EC intends to bring itself into compliance with the recommendations and rulings of the DSB by modifying its scheduled tariff commitments on bananas.

The EC has already been seeking an agreement with Latin American banana supplying countries on the modification of the EC scheduled commitments on bananas since 2004, when it initiated GATT Article XXVIII negotiations. Despite lack of agreement to date, the EC is still willing to explore the possibility of agreeing on the new bound tariff in the context of a broader agreement on bananas.
