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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 July 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 are continuing to work actively on the legal instruments that are required for the management of the three tariff rate quotas after 1 January 2002, in full compliance with the mutually agreed solution reached with the United States and Ecuador (and notified as document WT/DS27/58).

In particular, the EC has submitted on 22 June 2001 a request for a GATT Article XIII(1) and (2) waiver, as such a waiver is an essential legal pre-requisite for modifying Council Regulation (EC) No 216/2001 in order both to reserve the C tariff rate quota for ACP bananas in the transitional period and to make an additional quantity of 100.000 tonnes of bananas available to MFN suppliers.

Regrettably, the examination of the requests for GATT waivers submitted by the EC has been delayed.
