

**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

Addendum

The following communication, dated 6 November 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.

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

The EC has stepped up negotiations with Latin American banana supplying countries with the view of concluding promptly a comprehensive agreement on bananas that would establish, among other elements, the level of the new EC bound tariff duty. These negotiations have entered into a crucial stage and the EC hopes to be able to reach an agreement in the coming days with those MFN suppliers, which would put an end to this longstanding dispute.

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