

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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 June 2000, 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 informs the DSB that it has continued bilateral discussions with the WTO Members concerned as well as with other interested parties. The European Communities wishes to submit a calendar of the main discussions the EC has had with government representatives of the interested parties over the last 12 months. It is obvious from this calendar of negotiations that the European Communities has made efforts at all levels, and has spent endless hours in pursuit of an acceptable solution to this dispute. However, there continues to be divergent views expressed by the main parties concerned, and even where there is apparent agreement, differences continue to emerge regarding the details. As a result, no agreed conclusions have been reached so far.

ANNEX

Bananas

Calendar of Negotiations with Interested Third Countries

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The table below refers only to meetings in which the banana case was the central theme of discussions with interested third countries; other formal and/or informal contact may have taken place during this period.

Date	Country	Commission represented by:
3 May 1999	ACP – Meeting with the Ambassador of Belize	D. Roberts
4 May 1999	L.A. – Ambassadors of Colombia and Costa Rica	D. Roberts
11 May 1999	ACP – Minister from Cameroon	D. Roberts
18 and 19 May 1999	USA – Meeting in Washington with P. Scher, American negotiator from USTR	B. Zepter
16 June 1999	USA – Meeting with B. Kursch, US Mission to the European Union	B. Zepter
29 June 1999	USA - Meeting in Paris with P. Scher, American negotiator from USTR	B. Zepter
5 July 1999	Ecuador – Mr. Ortiz Brenan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Pinoargote, Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels	(1) Sir Leon Brittan (2) B. Zepter
6 July 1999	Costa Rica – Meeting with Minister Guzowski	Sir Leon Brittan
10 July 1999	Panama – Mr. Suescum, Ambassador of Panama to the WTO, and Mr. de Soto, Ambassador and adviser to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade	D. Roberts
21 July 1999	USA – Meeting in Washington with P. Scher, R. Ives and R. Schub (USTR)	B. Zepter
23 July 1999	L.A. – Panama: Mr. Raúl Hernández, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Mr. de Soto and Mr. Suescum (Ambassadors) Guatemala: José Castillo, Vice-Minister of the Economy, and Mrs. Ruiz de Vielnam Honduras: Mr. Erazo, Vice-Minister of the Economy, and Mr. Ulloa de Thuin, Ambassador of Honduras in Brussels	B. Zepter

Date	Country	Commission represented by:
19 August 1999	L.A. – Meeting at the Permanent Delegation of the Commission in Geneva with the following Latin American countries: Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela	B. Zepter
31 August 1999	ACP – Mr. Edwin Laurent, Ambassador (Chairman of the ACP working group on bananas)	B. Zepter
2 September 1999	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
1 October 1999	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
7 October 1999	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
7 October 1999	Costa Rica – Mr. Saborío, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the WTO	B. Zepter
7 October 1999	Colombia – Mrs. Ramirez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia	P. Lamy
8 October 1999	Colombia – Mrs. Ramirez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia	M. Roberts
14 October 1999	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
15 October 1999	USA – Meeting with C. Barshefsky	P. Lamy
21 October 1999	ACP – Mr. Edison James, Prime Minister of Dominica	(1) P. Nielson (2) P. Lamy
21 October 1999	ACP - Mr. Emam-Zade, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic Mr. Bouba Maigari (Minister of Development) and Mr. N'Dioro (Minister of Regional Development) of Cameroon, and Ambassador of Cameroon in Brussels	B. Zepter (1) P. Lamy (2) B. Zepter
21 October 1999	Costa Rica – Mr. Saborío, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the WTO	B. Zepter
22 October 1999	ACP – Ambassador of Cameroon	D. Roberts
26 October 1999	Ecuador – Consultations in Geneva with Ecuador	J. Pacheco
26 October 1999	L.A. – Meeting with the Ambassadors of Panama, Guatemala and Honduras	M. Sorensen, chef de cabinet of P. Nielson

Date	Country	Commission represented by:
27 October 1999	USA – Meeting between President Prodi and B. Clinton in Washington	Romano Prodi
27 October 1999	L.A. – Meeting with the Ambassadors of Panama, Guatemala and Honduras	Mr. David Roberts
29 October 1999	<p>L.A. –</p> <p>Panama: Mr. Alvarez de Soto, Deputy Vice-Minister of Trade, and Mrs. Barletta de Nottebohm, chargé d'affaires at the Embassy in Brussels</p> <p>Guatemala: Mr. Castillo Villacorta, Vice-Minister of the Economy, Mr. Sperisen Yurt, Ambassador of Guatemala to the WTO and Mrs. Ruiz de Vietnam</p> <p>Honduras: Mr. Dacio Castillo, Ambassador of Honduras to the WTO</p>	<p>(1) B. Zepter</p> <p>(2) I. Garzon, cabinet of P. Lamy.</p>
5 November 1999	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
5 November 1999	USA – Meeting with US Mission to the European Union – Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Erse	B. Zepter
16 November 1999	Ecuador – Consultations in Geneva with Ecuador	J. Pacheco
23 November 1999	Colombia – Ambassador of Colombia in Brussels and representatives of Colombian operators	B. Zepter
17 December 1999	USA – EU/USA Summit, meeting with C. Barshefsky	P. Lamy
22 December 1999	USA – Meeting with US Mission to the European Union – Mr. Claude and Mrs. Erath	B. Zepter
11 January 2000	ACP – Meeting with the Ambassadors of banana producing ACP States	B. Zepter and D. Roberts
12 January 2000	USA – Video-conference with P. Scher (USTR)	B. Zepter and D. Roberts
19 January 2000	USA – Audio-conference with USTR – R. Ives	J. Pacheco
20 January 2000	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
28 January 2000	L.A. – Meeting with Mr. Morningstar	C. Patten
28 January 2000	ACP – Delegation of Belize	D. Roberts
11 February 2000	USA – Video-conference with P. Scher (USTR)	B. Zepter and D. Roberts

Date	Country	Commission represented by:
15 February 2000	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter
25 February 2000	L.A. – Meeting with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Colombia (Vilamoura – Portugal)	C. Patten
15 March 2000	L.A. – Ambassadors of Latin-American countries (Nicaragua, Panama, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Costa Rica)	B. Zepter and D. Roberts
28 March 2000	Ecuador – Ambassador A. Pinoargote (Ambassador of Ecuador in Brussels)	B. Zepter and D. Roberts
30 March 2000	USA – Meeting in Washington with representatives of USTR – B. Novick, R. Ives and R. Schub	B. Zepter
9 April 2000	USA – Audio-conference with C. Barshefsky	P. Lamy
12 April 2000	ACP – Ambassador Laurent (Chairman of the ACP working group on bananas)	D. Roberts
13 April 2000	USA – Audio-conference with G. Frazier (USTR)	B. Zepter
23 and 24 April 2000	USA – Meeting with G. Frazier (USTR)	D. Roberts
27 April 2000	USA – Audio-conference with R. Ives (USTR)	J. Pacheco
5 May 2000	Ecuador – Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs H. Moeller	(1) P. Lamy (2) B. Zepter
23 May 2000	ACP – Ambassadors of the Dominican Republic, Eastern Caribbean	P. Nielson
25 May 2000	USA – Audio-conference with G. Frazier (USTR)	B. Zepter
26 May 2000	Costa Rica – Ambassador of Costa Rica to the WTO - Mr. Saborío	B. Zepter
