

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

Request to Join Consultations

*Communication from Cameroon*

The following communication, dated 14 September 1998, from the Permanent Mission of Cameroon to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the procedure provided for under Article 21.5 of the DSU.

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The Permanent Mission of Cameroon to the World Trade Organization presents its compliments to the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities to the World Trade Organization and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Cameroon has taken note of the request by Ecuador, the United States, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico, in document WT/DS27/18 of 31 August 1998, for consultations with the European Communities on the regime for bananas.

In view of the interest that bananas represent for the country's economy, the Permanent Mission of Cameroon to the WTO would like to participate in all stages of any consultations that take place, as in the case of the previous panels organized under the GATT and the WTO.

This request supplements the request submitted by Jamaica, as coordinator, on behalf of the ACP member countries, in note No. 602/3, cc 550/12/3 of 9 September 1998.

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