

**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 12 October 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 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 continues to be engaged in discussions 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. The EC expects to have another meeting in the coming days with those MFN suppliers and make definitive progress towards a satisfactory agreement, which would put an end to this longstanding dispute.
