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Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 19 January 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

Since the circulation of its last status report, important steps in the internal decision making process of the EC have taken place. This means that the legal instrument modifying one part of the EC banana trade regime, Council Regulation (EC) No 404/93, should be formally adopted and published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* shortly. This paves the way for a rapid implementation of the WTO-compatible new import regime, based on a "first come-first served" (FCFS) system.
