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

Request for Consultations by Panama

The following communication, dated 24 October 1997, from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission and to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 4.4 of the DSU.

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The Government of the Republic of Panama hereby wishes to notify the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organization of its request for the initiation of consultations with the European Communities concerning the latter's regime for the importation, sale and distribution of bananas as established through Regulation 404/93 (OJ L 47 of 25 February 1993, pages 1-11) as well as any subsequent legislation, regulations or administrative measures adopted by the European Communities, including those reflecting the Framework Agreement on Bananas, which implement, supplement or amend that regime.

This request is made on the basis of Article 4:4 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes, Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994, Article 6 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Article XXIII of the General Agreement on Trade in Services, and Article 8 of the Agreement on Trade-Related Investment Measures.