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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 14 July 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

At the last DSB the EC submitted a calendar of the main meetings the EC has had with government representatives of the interested parties over the last twelve months. During that period the Commission has concentrated its efforts on the negotiation of tariff quotas allocated on the basis of traditional trade flows. The major stumbling block to reach an agreement on this method of quota allocation was the reference period to be used, and which needed to be agreed by all parties concerned. Discussions on this basis are at an impasse. The EC will now examine the possibility of managing the proposed TRQs on a first come, first served basis. On the basis of the examination of this approach, and on other possible solutions, including a tariff only system and its implications, the EC will decide on the way ahead.
