

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES AFFECTING THE APPROVAL  
AND MARKETING OF BIOTECH PRODUCTS**

Modification of the Agreement under Article 21.3(b) of the DSU

The following communication, dated 16 December 2008, from the delegation of the European Communities and the delegation of Canada to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

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With regard to the dispute *European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products* (WT/DS292), we are pleased to inform you that the European Communities and Canada have mutually agreed to modify once more the "reasonable period of time" for implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body, which was originally established pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* and was to expire on 31 December 2008. The reasonable period of time in this dispute will now expire on 1 March 2009. We request that you circulate this notification to the Members of the Dispute Settlement Body.

For the European Communities

For Canada

H.E. Mr. Eckart Guth  
Ambassador

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