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

Status Report by the European Communities

The following communication, dated 10 January 2008, 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.

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Status Report Regarding Implementation of the  
DSB Recommendations and Rulings in the Dispute  
*European Communities - Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing  
of Biotech Products (WT/DS291, WT/DS292, WT/DS293)*

Under Article 21.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes* ("DSU"), the European Communities has to submit a status report on this case by 10 January 2008.

On 21 November 2006, the Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") adopted the Panel report in *European Communities - Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products*. At the DSB meeting of 19 December 2006, the European Communities confirmed its intention to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute, and stated that it would require a "reasonable period of time" in which to do so, according to Article 21.3 of the DSU.

By communication of 21 June 2007, the European Communities and the three complainants notified to Chairman of the DSB that, pursuant to Article 21.3(b) of the DSU, they had mutually agreed on a reasonable period of time of 12 months from the date of adoption of the Panel Report for the European Communities to implement the recommendations and rulings of the DSB in this dispute, which would expire on 21 November 2007.

By communications of 21 November 2007 (WT/DS291/36, WT/DS292/30 and WT/DS293/30), the EC and the three complainants notified to the Chairman of the DSB that they had mutually agreed to extend the reasonable period of time for implementation originally established until 11 January 2008.

The European Communities and the three complainants are currently engaged in constructive discussions with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues.

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