

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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 11 December 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.

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

The European Communities and the three complainants have continued to be engaged in constructive discussions with the goal of resolving this dispute and related issues.

In recognition of this, on 1 December 2008, Argentina notified the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body of its agreement to further extend the reasonable period of time for implementation (RPT) of the WTO panel report until 1 March 2009. Canada has also informed the EC of its decision to further extend the RPT until 1 March 2009. The EC has agreed to hold further discussions with both Argentina and Canada by end of January 2009.
