

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

Status Report by the European Communities

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 October 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.

The US and the EC will hold their next (seventh) technical meeting on issues related to biotechnology on 22 and 23 October. As already indicated in the last status report, Canada has agreed to further extend the reasonable period (RPT) of time for implementation of the WTO panel report until 31 December 2008 (WT/DS292/34). Similarly, Argentina has agreed to further extend the RPT until 1 December 2008.
