

**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 30 December 2009, from the delegation of the European Union¹ and the delegation of Argentina to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated in accordance with Article 21.3(b) of the DSU.

With regard to the dispute *European Communities – Measures Affecting the Approval and Marketing of Biotech Products* (WT/DS293), we are pleased to inform you that Argentina and the European Union have mutually agreed to modify 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, so as to expire on 31 January 2010.

We request that you circulate this notification to the Members of the Dispute Settlement Body.

(signed)
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(signed)
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¹ On 1 December 2009, the *Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community* (done at Lisbon, 13 December 2007) entered into force. On 29 November 2009, the WTO received a Verbal Note (WT/L/779) from the Council of the European Union and the Commission of the European Communities stating that, by virtue of the *Treaty of Lisbon*, as of 1 December 2009, the European Union replaces and succeeds the European Community.