

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES – MEASURES CONCERNING  
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS (HORMONES)**

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 12 May 1999, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to the request of that delegation.

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As indicated in the Status Reports we have made on the implementation of the recommendations and rulings of the DSB concerning the dispute regarding the Community's import ban on beef and beef products of animal treated with certain growth promoting hormones, the Community has undertaken a complementary risk assessment in light of the relevant clarifications on risk assessment provided by the Appellate Body.

In light of such results of that risk assessment as are now available to it, the Community is not in a position to lift its existing import ban on 13 May.

The Community now intends to study in more depth these results in order to evaluate on this basis and in the light of any new relevant information what steps may be necessary in light of our WTO rights and obligations.

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