

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

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 11 June 2003, from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the Permanent Mission of the United States and to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body is circulated at the request of the European Communities.

Thank you for your letters dated 28 May 2003 expressing the desire of the United States to be joined in the consultations requested by Canada and Argentina on the approval and marketing of genetically-modified organisms (documents WT/DS292/1 and WT/DS293/1).

The European Communities accepts the request of the United States. The consultations in the disputes WT/DS291 and WT/DS293 will be held jointly, as agreed. I will inform you as soon as possible of the date and venue of the consultations between the European Communities and Canada.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body for circulation to Members.
