

1.1 Text of Article 17 (Practice)

8. The expenses of persons serving on the Appellate Body, including travel and subsistence allowance, shall be met from the WTO budget in accordance with criteria to be adopted by the General Council, based on recommendations of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration.

Procedures for Appellate Review

9. Working procedures shall be drawn up by the Appellate Body in consultation with the Chairman of the DSB and the Director-General, and communicated to the Members for their information.

10. The proceedings of the Appellate Body shall be confidential. The reports of the Appellate Body shall be drafted without the presence of the parties to the dispute and in the light of the information provided and the statements made.

11. Opinions expressed in the Appellate Body report by individuals serving on the Appellate Body shall be anonymous.

12. The Appellate Body shall address each of the issues raised in accordance with paragraph 6 during the appellate proceeding.

13. The Appellate Body may uphold, modify or reverse the legal findings and conclusions of the panel.

Adoption of Appellate Body Reports

14. An Appellate Body report shall be adopted by the DSB and unconditionally accepted by the parties to the dispute unless the DSB decides by consensus not to adopt the Appellate Body report within 30 days following its circulation to the Members.⁸ This adoption procedure is without prejudice to the right of Members to express their views on an Appellate Body report.

(footnote original) ⁸ If a meeting of the DSB is not scheduled during this period, such a meeting of the DSB shall be held for this purpose.

1. At its meeting of 10 February 1995, the DSB established the Appellate Body in accordance with Article 17.1 of the DSU.¹

2. On 6 December 1994, the Preparatory Committee to the WTO approved its recommendations for the procedures for the appointment of Appellate Body Members.²

3. For an information table on individuals appointed to serve as Appellate Body members, see the chapter of the Analytical Index on "DS information tables".

4. For a table providing information on the number of panel reports appealed annually, along with an overall percentage, over the period 1996-present, see the chapter of the Analytical Index on "DS information tables".

¹ [WT/DSB/M/1](#)

5. The current Working Procedures for Appellate Review were issued in 2010 are contained in document [WT/AB/WP/6](#). See the documents on Working Procedures for Appellate Review (Practice).

6. In addition, at the DSB meeting held on 25 March 2015, the Chairman made a statement regarding a communication from the Appellate Body³ concerning guidelines for WTO Members in connection with the submission of executive summaries of written submissions in appellate proceedings.⁴

See the chapter of the Analytical Index on "