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1.1 Text of Rule 20

Commencement of Appeal

20. (1) An appeal shall be commenced by notification in writing to the DSB in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 16 of the DSU and simultaneous filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Secretariat.
- (2) A Notice of Appeal shall include the following information:
- (a) the title of the panel report under appeal;
 - (b) the name of the party to the dispute filing the Notice of Appeal;
 - (c) the service address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the party to the dispute; and
 - (d) a brief statement of the nature of the appeal, including:
 - (i) identification of the alleged errors in the issues of law covered in the panel report and legal interpretations developed by the panel;
 - (ii) a list of the legal provision(s) of the covered agreements that the panel is alleged to have erred in interpreting or applying; and
 - (iii) without prejudice to the ability of the appellant to refer to other paragraphs of the panel report in the context of its appeal, an indicative list of the paragraphs of the panel report containing the alleged errors.

1.2 2005 Amendment of Rule 20(2)(d): "statement of the nature of appeal"

1. Rule 20(2)(d) originally provided that a Notice of Appeal shall include "a brief statement of the nature of the appeal". On 27 October 2004 explaining the final version of the amendment to Rule 20(2)(d), the Appellate Body explained that:

"Having considered the views expressed by Members regarding the contents of the Notice of Appeal, we wish to emphasize that we share the concern implicit in the comments of a number of Members, namely that revision of the reasons on reasons set out in my letter of 8 April, w

added to the beginning of item (iii) of that same subparagraph.