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Entry into Force and Amendment

32. (1) These Rules entered into force on 15 February 1996, and have subsequently been amended as indicated in Annex III.
- (2) The Appellate Body may amend these Rules in compliance with the procedures set forth in paragraph 9 of Article 17 of the DSU. The Appellate Body will announce the date on which such amendments come into force. The document number for each revised version of these Rules, and the date upon which each version entered into force and succeeded the previous version, are indicated in Annex III.
- (3) Whenever there is an amendment to the DSU or to the special or additional rules and procedures of the covered agreements, the Appellate Body shall examine whether amendments to these Rules are necessary.

1.2 2010 Amendment of Rules 32(1) and 32(2)

1. Originally, Rule 32(1) read as follows:

"These Rules shall enter into force on 15 February 1996."

2. Originally, Rule 32(2) read as follows:

"The Appellate Body may amend these Rules in compliance with the procedures set forth in paragraph 9 of Article 17 of the DSU."¹

3. In 2010, the Appellate Body amended Rules 32(1) and 32(2) to reflect that there had been amendments to the Working Procedures.² In a communication to the DSB Chairman dated 27 July 2010, the Appellate Body explained the reason for the changes:

"In order to avoid any risk that Rule 32 could be read so as to imply that the Rules, as adopted in 1996, remain unchanged and in force, we have decided to include an express reference, in the text of paragraphs 1 and 2, to the fact that there have been amendments to the *Working Procedures*, and to refer to the relevant Table set out in Annex III."³

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¹ [WT/AB/WP/5](#).

² [WT/AB/WP/6](#); [WT/AB/WP/W/11](#), p. 7.

³ [WT/AB/WP/W/11](#), p. 7.