

SECTION E - COMMON PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 24.33 - Mutually agreed solution

1. The Parties may reach a mutually agreed solution at any time with respect to any dispute referred to in Article 24.2 (Scope).
2. If a mutually agreed solution is reached during the panel or mediation procedure, the Parties shall jointly notify that solution to the chairperson of the panel or the mediator, as applicable. On such notification, the panel or the mediation procedure shall be terminated.
3. Each Party shall take measures necessary to implement the mutually agreed solution within the agreed time period.
4. No later than at the expiry of the agreed time period the implementing Party shall inform the other Party, in writing, of any measure that it has taken to implement the mutually agreed solution, including, where applicable, the text of such measure.

ARTICLE 24.34 - Time periods

1. All time periods laid down in this Chapter shall be counted in days from the day following the act to which they refer. Time periods laid down in this Chapter shall be calculated with reference to the date and time in Brussels.
2. Any time period referred to in this Chapter may be modified by mutual agreement of the Parties.
3. The panel may at any time propose to the Parties to modify any time period referred to in Section C (Panel procedures), stating the reasons for the proposal.

ARTICLE 24.35 - Costs

1. Each Party shall bear its own expenses derived from its participation in the panel or mediation procedure.
2. The Parties shall share jointly and equally the expenses derived from organisational matters, including the remuneration and expenses of the panellists and of the mediator.¹

¹ For greater certainty, this provision is without prejudice to Rule 11 and 26 in Annex 24-A (Rules of procedure) with regard to expenses related to the logistical administration of the hearing.

3. The Trade Committee may adopt a decision setting out the parameters or other details on the remuneration and the reimbursement of expenses of panellists and mediators, including any related costs that could be incurred in the proceedings. In the absence of such decision, the remuneration and the reimbursement of expenses of panellists and mediators and of any related costs shall be determined in accordance with Rule 11 of Annex 24-A (Rules of procedure).

4. Each panellist and mediator shall keep a record and render a final account of the time devoted to the proceedings and of the expenses, as well as the time and expenses of their assistants and administrative staff.