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DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: STATISTICS
Statistics

The following tables provide statistical information on appeals in the WTO.

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Number of Appellate Body Reports adopted

| Year of adoption | All Appellate Body Reports | Appellate Body Reports other than those arising from Reports of Panels established pursuant to DSU Article 21.5 ⁽¹⁾ | Appellate Body Reports arising from Reports of Panels established pursuant to DSU Article 21.5 |
|------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1996 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 1997 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 1998 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 1999 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 2000 | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| 2001 | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| 2002 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| 2003 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 2004 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| 2005 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Total | 73 | 64 | 9 |

1. Panels established pursuant to Article 21.5 of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (the “DSU”) relate to “disagreement[s] as to the existence or consistency with a covered agreement of measures taken to comply with the recommendations and rulings” of the Dispute Settlement Body (the “DSB”).

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Percentage of Panel Reports appealed

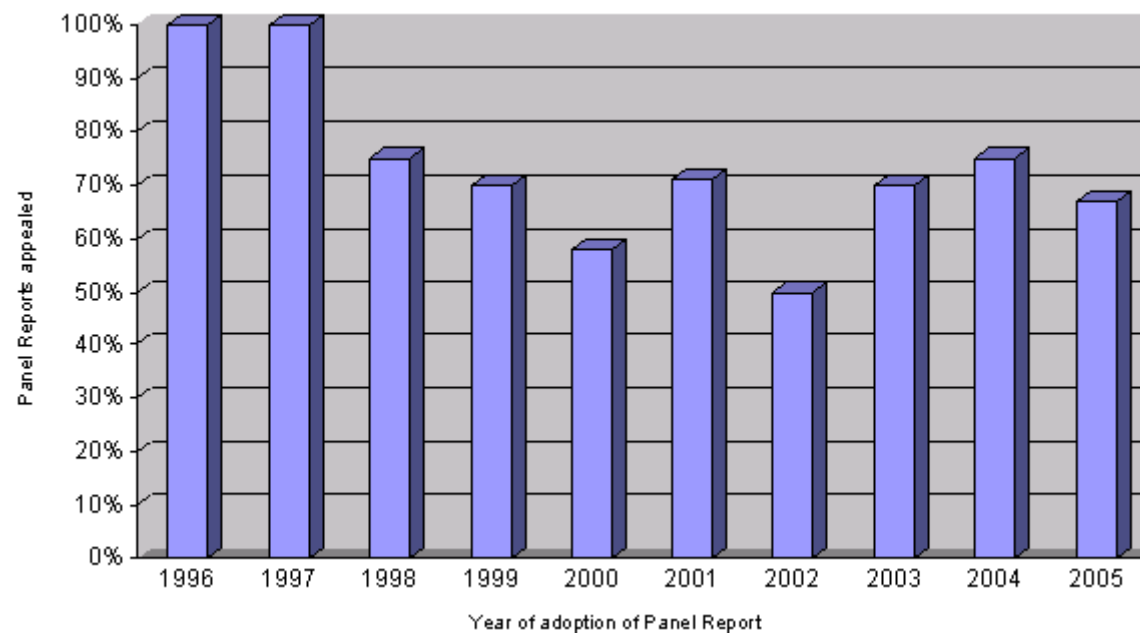
| Year of adoption | All Panel Reports | | | Reports of Panels other than those established pursuant to DSU Article 21.5 ⁽³⁾ | | | Reports of Panels established pursuant to DSU Article 21.5 | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Panel Reports adopted | Panel Reports appealed ⁽⁴⁾ | Percentage of Panel Reports appealed ⁽⁵⁾ | Panel Reports adopted ⁽⁶⁾ | Panel Reports appealed | Percentage of Panel Reports appealed | Panel Reports adopted | Panel Reports appealed | Percentage of Panel Reports appealed |
| 1996 | 2 | 2 | 100% | 2 | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1997 | 5 | 5 | 100% | 5 | 5 | 100% | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1998 | 12 | 9 | 75% | 12 | 9 | 75% | 0 | 0 | - |
| 1999 | 10 | 7 | 70% | 9 | 7 | 78% | 1 | 0 | 0% |
| 2000 | 19 | 11 | 58% | 15 | 9 | 60% | 4 | 2 | 50% |
| 2001 | 17 | 12 | 71% | 13 | 9 | 69% | 4 | 3 | 75% |
| 2002 | 12 | 6 | 50% | 11 | 5 | 45% | 1 | 1 | 100% |
| 2003 | 10 | 7 | 70% | 8 | 5 | 63% | 2 | 2 | 100% |
| 2004 | 8 | 6 | 75% | 8 | 6 | 75% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| 2005 | 20 | 12 | 60% | 17 | 11 | 65% | 3 | 1 | 33% |
| Total | 115 | 77 | 67% | 100 | 68 | 68% | 15 | 9 | 60% |

3. Supra, footnote 1.

4. Panel Reports are counted as having been appealed where they are adopted as upheld, modified, or reversed by an Appellate Body Report. The number of Panel Reports appealed may differ from the number of Appellate Body Reports because, for example, some Appellate Body Reports address more than one Panel Report.

5. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

6. The Panel Reports in EC – Bananas III (Ecuador), EC – Bananas III (Guatemala and Honduras), EC – Bananas III (Mexico), and EC – Bananas III (US) are counted as a single Panel Report. The Panel Reports in US – Steel Safeguards are also counted as a single Panel Report.

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