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| **Chapter/Article of the Rules of Appeal Proceedings the comment(s) refer to** | Article 12(3) |
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| **Issue(s) you wish to comment on** | We would query whether the word "may" in Article 12(3) should be amended to "shall". |
| **Suggestion for text** | "Reimbursement of the appeal fee **shall** be granted ex officio regardless of whether it has been requested". |

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| **Issue(s) you wish to comment on** | We would query the reference to the “allowability of the appeal”. This is unclear and presumably should be a reference to admissibility. |
| **Suggestion for text** | “Following the examination of the **admissibility** of the appeal…” |