

Netherlands Commercial Court updates its rules of procedure



The Netherlands Commercial Court (NCC) has recently updated its rules of procedure. The updated version has come into force on January 1, 2025.

The update might interest litigation lawyers, and could be relevant to this blog's readers who follow the developments in regulatory competition, in particular the establishment and work of international commercial courts, including several posts on this blog (see inter alia [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#)).

The full title of the NCC rules of procedure is 'Rules of Procedure for the International Commercial Chambers of the Amsterdam District Court (NCC District Court) and the Amsterdam Court of Appeal (NCC Court of Appeal) NCC Rules / NCCR'. The document summarizes the amendments as follows:

'This fourth version of the Rules is occasioned by the various changes to the laws of evidence in the Code of Civil Procedure that come into force on 1 January 2025 (Article 194 ff). Additionally, there are amendments in - amongst others - the following rules:

- 2.1.3 (notification of interested parties)
- 2.2 and explanatory notes (language and third parties)
- 3.2.1 (communication by email)
- 3.2.9 (maximum size of documents in appeal)
- 3.4.2 (extension of a time limit)
- 5.2 (default)
- 6.3.2 (summary proceedings)

- 7.1.4 (*scheduling*)
- 7.2 (*invitation to the hearing*)
- 7.7.2 (*audio and video recordings*)
- 8.4 (*right to information and confidentiality*)
- 8.4.8 (*prejudgment attachment to protect evidence*)
- 8.8 (*preparatory evidence events*)
- *explanatory notes 1.3.2 (jurisdiction to deal with prejudgment attachments).'*

Several updates thus have practical character; other amendments follow the development of the EU and national civil procedural law (for instance, in relation to the right to information and confidentiality).