

Newsletter – 1/2006

54 new cases for Swissarbitration

In 2005 a total of 54 new cases were submitted to Swiss Chambers' Arbitration. Neither the origin of the parties, nor the language of arbitration, nor the type of arbitration differed significantly from last year's statistics. 56 % of the parties were from Western Europe, 13 % from Asia/Middle East and only 16 % from Switzerland. The proportion of arbitrations with a panel of three arbitrators however grew from 57 % to 65 %. Zurich with 28 cases and Geneva with 25 cases administered almost all the new cases.

The biggest number of parties came from Switzerland, followed by parties from Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Turkey, France and Russia. 70 % of the arbitrations were held in English, and 42 % of the cases were handled under expedited procedures.

The majority of disputes to be solved concerned purchase/sale of goods, distribution/agency, joint ventures and service contracts.

Since 1 January 2004 the total of cases submitted has grown to 106. In 12 cases an award was rendered, 6 cases were settled and 16 were withdrawn.

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Events

In November 2005 the Swiss Rules were presented at a special seminar in Istanbul, Turkey being an interesting market for Swiss Arbitration because of the similarity of the respective commercial laws. In May 2005 the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration were presented at a half-day conference in the Czech Republic, the "Prague Arbitration Fair" organised by the Czech Court of Arbitration. Additional conferences were organised by the Berne Chamber of Commerce (together with the Chambers of Solothurn, Lucerne and Aargau) and the Lausanne Chamber of Commerce.

Publications

A comprehensive commentary on the Swiss rules of International Arbitration was published by a group of practitioners in 2005. More information on:

<http://www.swissarbitration.ch/publications.php>

The Turkish Version of the Swiss Rules of International Arbitration can be downloaded from:

www.swissarbitration.ch/rules.php

The Swiss rules can now be downloaded from the website in ten languages (Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Turkish). Model Arbitration Clauses are available as well. Brochures of the Rules are available in nine languages (all those mentioned above, except Croatian).