

# Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of **International Disputes**

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- Fund-holding capabilities.
- Procedures for challenging and/or replacing neutrals.
- Appointment of emergency arbitrator for emergency relief.
- Fully administered arbitration.

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## THE CPR RULES – BACKGROUND

The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (“CPR”) Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes (the “Rules”) were developed by CPR to provide procedures to facilitate the conduct of international arbitration fairly, expeditiously and economically. The Rules were designed to be easily comprehended, and it is hoped that this Background will be useful to those considering using the Rules. They are intended, in particular, for the complex international case, but are suitable regardless of the complexity of the case or the amount in dispute.

Every disputant wants to have a reasonable opportunity to develop and present its case. Parties that choose arbitration over litigation of an international dispute do so primarily to avoid the unfamiliarity and uncertainty of litigation in a foreign court; also out of a need or desire for a proceeding that is confidential and expeditious. The Rules were designed with all of these objectives in mind. The standard arbitration clauses in the Rules have been drafted to make proceedings under the Rules subject to the law selected by the parties.

The standard clauses also provide for the parties to select the seat of arbitration as well as for CPR to perform the functions provided in Rules 5, 6 and 7.

The complexity of cases will vary greatly. In rules of general application, it is not appropriate to fix hard and fast deadlines. Rule 15.7 commits the parties and the arbitrator(s) to use their best efforts to assure that the dispute will be submitted to the Tribunal for decision within nine months after the initial pre-hearing conference, and that the final award will be rendered within two months after the close of proceedings. Rule 9.2 empowers the arbitrator(s) to establish time limits for each phase of the proceeding.

Rule 14 allows for emergency measures by an emergency arbitrator prior to tribunal selection.

Counsel are expected to cooperate fully with the Tribunal and with each other to assure that the proceeding will be conducted with civility in an efficient, expeditious and economical manner. Rule 17.3 empowers the arbitrators in apportioning costs to take into account, *inter alia*, “the

circumstances of the case” and “the conduct of the parties during the proceeding.” This broad power is intended to permit the arbitrators to apportion a greater share of costs than they otherwise might to a party that has employed tactics the arbitrators consider dilatory, or in other ways has failed to cooperate in assuring the efficient conduct of the proceeding.

### Types of Disputes

These Rules are designed for “international disputes,” which broadly encompass disputes of any nature involving persons or business enterprises of different nationalities or located in different countries. For example, international commercial disputes, intellectual property disputes, construction disputes, disputes between manufacturers and distributors or franchisees, disputes between joint venturers, insurance disputes and investment disputes. The Rules may be adopted by parties that do not have a contractual or other business relationship, e.g., for a patent infringement dispute. The Rules may also be employed to adjudicate a dispute between a government agency and a private entity, subject to any legal restraints on that government’s submission to arbitration.

CPR recommends that where the parties are based or located in different countries or where their contract involves a foreign subject matter or otherwise calls for performance abroad, they specifically provide for application of CPR’s Administered Arbitration Rules for International Disputes (“Administered International Rules”) or Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes (“Non-Administered International Rules”).

Where parties to an international transaction have provided for CPR arbitration generally, without specifically identifying which CPR arbitration rules shall apply, the CPR Administered International Rules shall apply.

The Non-Administered International Rules, as well as the Administered International Rules, take into account that an international dispute calls for additional or different rules for international dispute resolution. Thus, the Non-Administered International Rules (as well as the Administered International Rules) contain additional or different provisions concerning, *inter alia*, certain time limits (e.g., Rules 3.4 and 5.2), the nationality of arbitrators (Rules 6.4 and 6.5), the language of the arbitration (Rule

9.6), applicable laws and remedies including currency (Rule 10), and certain provisions concerning evidence (Rule 12). Significantly, the most common and important differences frequently found between U.S. domestic and international arbitration rules relating to the neutrality of party-appointed arbitrators and the existence of reasoned awards do not exist between the CPR Non-Administered Rules and the Non-Administered International Rules. Both sets of rules require all arbitrators to be neutral and require a reasoned award.

While most arbitrations involve two parties, the Rules are also suitable for proceedings among three or more parties. References to “Claimant,” “Respondent” and “other party” should be construed to encompass multiple Claimants, Respondents or other parties in such multi-party proceedings. Where necessary, the Rules specifically address particular issues raised in the multi-party context. For example, Rule 3.2 provides that the arbitration shall be deemed commenced “as to any Respondent” when that Respondent receives the notice of arbitration. Rules 3.10 and 3.11 deal with joinder and consolidation. Rule 5.4 provides for the “screened selection” of party-designated arbitrators if the parties have agreed to such procedure, whereby the arbitrators to be designated by the parties without knowledge of which party designated them. Rule 5.5 deals with the constitution of the Tribunal where the arbitration agreement entitles each party to appoint an arbitrator but there is more than one Claimant or Respondent to the dispute. Rule 9.3(b) deals with the early disposition of claims, defenses and other factual and legal issues. Rule 9.3(f) provides for the possibility of implementing steps to address issues of cybersecurity and protecting the security of information in the arbitration.

A new Rule 12.5 encourages the development of the next generation of lawyers by empowering the Tribunal to encourage lead counsel to share witness examination and/or legal argument with more junior attorneys.

### **Commentary, Guidelines and Protocols**

CPR has prepared a General Commentary for CPR’s Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes that should be consulted in applying these Rules. The General Commentary may be found on CPR’s website at [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org) following the text of the Rules.

CPR has promulgated guidelines and protocols that are designed to control time and cost and increase efficiency (available on CPR’s website at [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org)).

### **Mediation and Other ADR Procedures**

The following Procedures are intended to govern arbitration proceedings. However, many parties wish to incorporate in their contract provisions for face-to-face negotiation or mediation prior to arbitration. Parties desiring to use such procedures should consult the CPR International Mediation Procedure and CPR’s tools for drafting dispute resolution clauses (available on CPR’s website at [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org), Resource Center).

### **Help in Finding or Selecting a Neutral**

In addition, some parties may need assistance in finding and selecting an appropriate mediator or arbitrator(s). For a fee, CPR is available to assist in neutral selection with the customized, neutral appointment service of CPR Dispute Resolution Services.

To find out more about our Dispute Resolution Services and fees, visit our website at [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org) or call CPR’s office at +1.212.949.6490.

## CPR CLAUSES

### Standard Contractual Provisions

The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes are intended in particular for use in complex commercial arbitrations and are designed to assure the expeditious and economical conduct of proceedings. The Rules may be adopted by parties by using one of the following standard provisions:

#### A. Pre-Dispute Clause

“Any dispute arising out of or relating to, this contract, including the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes, by (a sole arbitrator) (three arbitrators, of whom each party shall appoint one) (three arbitrators, none of whom shall be appointed by either party) (three arbitrators, of whom each party shall designate one in accordance with the “screened” appointment procedure provided in Rule 5.4). Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. The seat of the arbitration shall be (city, country). The arbitration shall be conducted in (language).”

#### B. Existing Dispute Submission Agreement

“We, the undersigned parties, hereby agree to submit to arbitration in accordance with the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes (the “Rules”) the following dispute:

[Describe briefly]

We further agree that the above dispute shall be submitted to (a sole arbitrator) (three arbitrators, of whom each party shall appoint one) (three arbitrators, of whom each party shall designate one in accordance with the “screened” appointment process provided in Rule 5.4) (three arbitrators, none of whom shall be appointed by either party). We further agree that we shall faithfully observe this agreement and the International Rules and that we shall abide by and perform any award rendered

by the arbitrator(s). Judgment upon the award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. The seat of the arbitration shall be (city, country). The arbitration shall be conducted in (language).”

## A. GENERAL AND INTRODUCTORY RULES

### Rule 1: Scope of Application

- 1.1 Where the parties to a contract have provided for arbitration under the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (“CPR”) Rules for Non-Administered Arbitration of International Disputes (the “Rules”), they shall be deemed to have made these Rules a part of their arbitration agreement, except to the extent that they have agreed in writing, or on the record during the course of the arbitral proceeding, to modify these Rules. Unless the parties otherwise agree, these Rules, and any amendment thereof adopted by CPR, shall apply in the form in effect at the time the arbitration is commenced. Where the parties to a contract have provided for CPR arbitration generally, without specifying which set of CPR arbitration rules shall apply, the CPR Rules for Administered Arbitration of International Disputes shall apply to any arbitration agreement entered into after December 1, 2014 where the parties reside in different countries or where the contract involves property or calls for performance in a country other than the parties’ country or residence.
- 1.2 These Rules shall govern the conduct of the arbitration except that where any of these Rules is in conflict with a mandatory provision of applicable arbitration law of the seat of the arbitration, that provision of law shall prevail.

### Rule 2: Notices

- 2.1 Notices or other communications required under these Rules shall be in writing and delivered to the address specified in writing by the recipient for this purpose or, if no address has been specified, to the last known business or residence address of the recipient. Notices and communications may be given by registered mail, courier, facsimile transmission, email communication or any other means of telecommunication that provides a record thereof. Notices and communications shall be deemed to be effective as of the date of

receipt. Proof of transmission shall be deemed prima facie proof of receipt of any notice or communication given under these Rules.

- 2.2 Time periods specified by these Rules or established by the Arbitral Tribunal (the “Tribunal”) shall start to run on the day following the day when a notice or communication is received, unless the Tribunal shall specifically provide otherwise. If the last day of such period is an official holiday or a non-business day at the place where the notice or communication is received, the period is extended until the first business day which follows. Official holidays and non-business days occurring during the running of the period of time are included in calculating the period.

### Rule 3: Commencement of Arbitration

- 3.1 The party commencing arbitration (the “Claimant”) shall address to the other party (the “Respondent”) a notice of arbitration.
- 3.2 The arbitration shall be deemed commenced as to any Respondent on the date on which the notice of arbitration is received by the Respondent.
- 3.3 The notice of arbitration shall include in the text or in attachments thereto:
- a. The full names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for the parties and their counsel;
  - b. A demand that the dispute be referred to arbitration pursuant to the Rules;
  - c. The text of the arbitration clause or the separate arbitration agreement that is involved;
  - d. A statement of the general nature of the Claimant’s claim;
  - e. The relief or remedy sought; and

- f. The name, address, telephone number and email address of the arbitrator appointed by the Claimant, unless the parties have agreed that neither shall appoint an arbitrator or that the party-appointed arbitrators shall be appointed as provided in Rule 5.4.
- 3.4 Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of arbitration, the Respondent shall deliver to the Claimant a notice of defense. Failure to deliver a notice of defense shall not delay the arbitration; in the event of such failure, all claims set forth in the demand shall be deemed denied. Failure to deliver a notice of defense shall not excuse the Respondent from notifying the Claimant in writing, within 30 days after receipt of the notice of arbitration, of the arbitrator appointed by the Respondent, unless the parties have agreed that neither party shall appoint an arbitrator or that the party-appointed arbitrators shall be appointed as provided in Rule 5.4.
- 3.5 The notice of defense shall include:
- a. Any comment on the notice of arbitration that the Respondent may deem appropriate;
  - b. A statement of the general nature of the Respondent's defense; and
  - c. The name, address, telephone number and email address of the arbitrator appointed by the Respondent, unless the parties have agreed that neither shall appoint an arbitrator or that the party-appointed arbitrators shall be appointed as provided in Rule 5.4.
- 3.6 The Respondent may include in its notice of defense any counterclaim within the scope of the arbitration clause. If it does so, the counterclaim in the notice of defense shall include items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Rule 3.3.
- 3.7 If a counterclaim is asserted, within 30 days after receipt of the notice of defense, the Claimant shall deliver to the Respondent a reply to counterclaim, which shall have the same elements as provided in Rule 3.5 for the notice of defense. Failure to deliver a reply to counterclaim shall not delay the arbitration; in the event of such failure, all counterclaims set forth in the notice of defense shall be deemed denied.
- 3.8 Claims or counterclaims within the scope of the arbitration clause may be freely added, amended or withdrawn prior to the establishment of the Tribunal and thereafter with the consent of the Tribunal. Notices of defense or replies to amended claims or counterclaims shall be delivered within 20 days after the addition or amendment.
- 3.9 If a dispute is submitted to arbitration pursuant to a submission agreement, this Rule 3 shall apply to the extent that it is not inconsistent with the submission agreement.
- 3.10 Prior to the appointment of any arbitrator, CPR may, at the request of any party, allow one or more third parties to be joined in the arbitration as a party unless, after giving all parties, including the party or parties to be joined, an opportunity to be heard, CPR finds that joinder should not be permitted. Any such joinder shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 8. Whenever joinder is considered, CPR may, in its discretion, adjust or set any deadlines otherwise provided for in Rules 3, 5 and 6. No additional party may be joined after the appointment of any arbitrator unless all parties, including the additional party or parties, otherwise agree. A request for joinder shall be addressed to CPR with a copy to Claimant and Claimant's counsel, if known, and shall include the full name, address, telephone number and email address for each party to be joined and its counsel, if known, as well as the basis on which the party is proposed to be joined, including the text of any relevant arbitration clause or separate arbitration agreement.
- 3.11 a. CPR may, at the request of a party and following consultation with the parties, consolidate two or more arbitrations pending under these Rules into a single arbitration where:

1. the parties have agreed to consolidation; or
  2. all of the claims in the arbitrations are made under the same arbitration agreement; or
  3. where the claims in the arbitrations are made under more than one arbitration agreement, the arbitrations are between the same parties, the disputes in the arbitrations arise in connection with the same legal relationship, and CPR finds the arbitration agreements to be compatible.
- b. In deciding whether to consolidate, CPR may take into account any circumstances it considers to be relevant, including whether one or more arbitrators have been appointed in more than one of the arbitrations, and if so, whether the same or different persons have been appointed; the existence of common issues of law or fact creates the possibility of conflicting decisions in the separate arbitration proceedings; prejudice resulting from a failure to consolidate is not outweighed by the risk of undue delay or prejudice to the rights of or hardship to parties opposing consolidation; and consolidation would serve the interests of justice and efficiency.
- c. When arbitrations are consolidated, they shall be consolidated in the arbitration that commenced first, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or determined by CPR.
- d. Arbitrations shall not be consolidated if the arbitration agreement prohibits consolidation.
- e. In its discretion, CPR may refer issues relating to consolidation to the CPR International Arbitration Council

(the “Council”) for determination. Information on the Council is set forth in Rule 22 and also available on CPR’s website.

**Rule 4: Representation**

- 4.1 The parties may be represented or assisted by persons of their choice.
- 4.2 Each party shall communicate the name, address (including email address) and function of such persons in writing to the other party and to the Tribunal.

**B. RULES WITH RESPECT TO THE TRIBUNAL**

**Rule 5: Selection of Arbitrators by the Parties**

- 5.1 Unless the parties have agreed in writing on a Tribunal consisting of a sole arbitrator or of three arbitrators not appointed by parties or appointed as provided in Rule 5.4, the Tribunal shall consist of two arbitrators, one appointed by each of the parties as provided in Rules 3.3 and 3.5, and a third arbitrator who shall chair the Tribunal, selected as provided in Rule 5.2. Unless otherwise agreed, any arbitrator not appointed by a party shall be a member of the CPR Panels of Distinguished Neutrals (“CPR Panels”).
- 5.2 Within 20 days of the appointment of the second arbitrator, the two party-appointed arbitrators shall appoint a third arbitrator, who shall chair the Tribunal. In the event the party-appointed arbitrators are unable to agree on the third arbitrator within that time period, the third arbitrator shall be selected as provided in Rule 6.
- 5.3 If the parties have agreed on a Tribunal consisting of a sole arbitrator or of three arbitrators none of whom shall be appointed by either party, the parties shall attempt jointly to select such arbitrator(s) within 30 days after the deadline for notice of defense provided for in Rule 3.4. Unless the parties mutually agree to extend the time for that selection process, any arbitrator(s) not jointly selected by the end of

the 30 day period shall be selected by CPR as provided in Rule 6.

5.4 If the parties have agreed on a Tribunal consisting of three arbitrators, two of whom are to be designated by the parties without knowing which party designated each of them, as provided for in this Rule 5.4, the parties may commence the process of a screened selection of party-designated arbitrators as follows:

- a. After the expiration of the time period for the notice of defense, either party may request in writing to CPR, with a copy to the other party, that the CPR commence the screened selection of party-designated arbitrators. CPR will invite each party to provide designee(s) to CPR to be included in a list of candidates to be circulated to the parties by such date as CPR shall provide. CPR will provide each party with a list of candidates drawn in whole or in part from the CPR Panels together with confirmation of their availability to serve as arbitrators and disclosure of any circumstances that might give rise to justifiable doubt regarding their independence or impartiality as provided in Rule 7. Within 10 days after the receipt of the CPR list of candidates, each party shall designate from the list three candidates, in order of preference, for its party-designated arbitrator, and so notify CPR and the other party in writing.
- b. Within the same 10 day period after receipt of the CPR list, a party may also object to the appointment of any candidate on the list on grounds of lack of independence or impartiality by written and reasoned notice to CPR, with a copy to the other party. CPR shall decide the objection after providing the non-objecting party with an opportunity to comment. If there is no objection to the first candidate designated by a party, or if the objection is overruled by

CPR, CPR shall appoint the candidate as the arbitrator, and any subsequent challenges of that arbitrator, based on circumstances subsequently learned, shall be made and decided in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rules 7.6 – 7.8. At its discretion, CPR may decide an objection under this Rule 5.4(b) by referring it to a Challenge Review Committee pursuant to the CPR Challenge Protocol (excluding its Fee requirement).

- c. If the independence or impartiality of the first candidate designated by a party is successfully challenged, CPR will appoint the subsequent candidate designated by that party, in order of the party's indicated preference, provided CPR does not sustain any objection made to the appointment of that candidate.
- d. Neither CPR nor the parties shall advise or otherwise provide any information or indication to any arbitrator candidate or appointed arbitrator as to which party selected either of the party-designated arbitrators. No party or anyone acting on its behalf shall have any *ex parte* communications relating to the case with any arbitrator candidate or appointed arbitrator pursuant to this Rule 5.4.
- e. Unless the parties otherwise agree, the chair of the Tribunal will be appointed by CPR in accordance with the procedure set forth in Rule 6.4, which shall proceed concurrently with the procedure for appointing the party-designated arbitrators provided in subsections (a)-(d) above.
- f. The compensation of all members of the Tribunal appointed pursuant to Rule 5.4 shall be administered by the chair of the Tribunal in accordance with Rule 17.

5.5 Where the arbitration agreement entitles each party to appoint an arbitrator but there is more than one Claimant or Respondent to the dispute, and either the multiple Claimants or the multiple Respondents do not jointly appoint an arbitrator within the time period provided in Rules 3.3 and 3.5, CPR shall appoint all of the arbitrators as provided in Rule 6.4.

**Rule 6: Selection of Arbitrator(s) by CPR**

6.1 Whenever (i) a party has failed to appoint the arbitrator to be appointed by it; (ii) the parties have failed to appoint the arbitrator(s) to be appointed by them acting jointly; (iii) the party-appointed arbitrators have failed to appoint the third arbitrator; (iv) the parties have provided that one or more arbitrators shall be appointed by CPR; or (v) the multi-party nature of the dispute calls for CPR to appoint all members of a three-member Tribunal pursuant to Rule 5.4, the arbitrator(s) required to complete the Tribunal shall be selected as provided in this Rule 6, and either party may request CPR in writing, with copy to the other party, to proceed pursuant to this Rule 6.

6.2 The written request may be made as follows:

- a. If a party has failed to appoint the arbitrator to be appointed by it, or the parties have failed to appoint the arbitrator(s) to be appointed by them through agreement, at any time after such failure to make a timely appointment has occurred.
- b. If the party-appointed arbitrators have failed to appoint the third arbitrator, as soon as the time period provided in Rule 5.2 has expired.
- c. If the arbitrator(s) are to be appointed by CPR, as soon as the notice of defense is due.

6.3 The written request shall include complete copies of the notice of arbitration and the notice of defense or, if the dispute is submitted under a

submission agreement, a copy of the agreement supplemented by the notice of arbitration and notice of defense if they are not part of the agreement.

6.4 Except where a party has failed to appoint the arbitrator to be appointed by it, CPR shall proceed as follows:

- a. Promptly following a request by it of the request provided for in Rule 6.3, CPR shall convene the parties in person or by telephone to attempt to select the arbitrator(s) by agreement of the parties.
- b. If the procedure provided for in (a) does not result in the required number of arbitrators, CPR shall submit to the parties a list of not less than five candidates if one arbitrator remains to be selected, and of not less than seven candidates if two or three arbitrators are to be selected. If either party shall so request, such candidates shall be of a nationality other than the nationality of the parties. Such list shall include a brief statement of each candidate's qualifications. Each party shall number the candidates in order of preference, shall note any objection it may have to any candidate, and shall deliver the list so marked to CPR which, on agreement of the parties, shall circulate the delivered lists to the parties.
- c. Any party failing without good cause to return the candidate list so marked within 10 days after receipt shall be deemed to have assented to all candidates listed thereon. CPR shall designate as arbitrator(s) the nominee(s) willing to serve for whom the parties collectively have indicated the highest preference and who appear to meet the standards set forth in Rule 7. If a tie should result between two candidates, CPR may designate either candidate. If this procedure

for any reason should fail to result in designation of the required number of arbitrators or if a party fails to participate in this procedure, CPR shall appoint a person or persons whom it deems qualified to fill any remaining vacancy, and whom, if either party shall so request, shall be of a nationality other than the nationality of the parties.

- 6.5 Where a party has failed to appoint the arbitrator to be appointed by it, CPR shall appoint a person whom it deems qualified to serve as such arbitrator, taking into account the nationalities of the parties and any other relevant circumstances.

**Rule 7: Qualifications, Challenges and Replacement of Arbitrator(s)**

- 7.1 Each arbitrator shall be independent and impartial.
- 7.2 By accepting appointment, each arbitrator shall be deemed to be bound by these Rules and any modification agreed to by the parties, and to have represented that he or she has the time available to devote to the expeditious process contemplated by these Rules.
- 7.3 Taking into account applicable law, each arbitrator shall disclose in writing to the Tribunal and the parties at the time of his or her appointment and promptly upon their arising during the course of the arbitration any circumstances that might give rise to justifiable doubt regarding the arbitrator's independence or impartiality as well as any additional disclosures required by the law of the seat. Such circumstances include bias, interest in the result of the arbitration, and past or present relations with a party or its counsel.
- 7.4 No party or anyone acting on its behalf shall have any *ex parte* communications concerning any matter relating to the proceeding with any arbitrator or arbitrator candidate, except that a party may advise a candidate for appointment as its party-appointed arbitrator of the general nature of the case and discuss the candidate's

qualifications, availability, and independence and impartiality with respect to the parties, and a party may confer with its party-appointed arbitrator regarding the selection of the chair of the Tribunal. As provided in Rule 5.4(d), no party or anyone acting on its behalf shall have any *ex parte* communications relating to the case with any arbitrator or arbitrator candidate designated or appointment pursuant to Rule 5.4.

- 7.5 Any arbitrator may be challenged if circumstances exist or arise that give rise to justifiable doubt regarding that arbitrator's independence or impartiality, provided, that a party may challenge an arbitrator whom it has appointed only for reasons of which it becomes aware after the appointment has been made.
- 7.6 A party may challenge an arbitrator only by a notice in writing to CPR, with a copy to the Tribunal and the other party, given no later than 10 days after the challenging party (i) receives notification of the appointment of that arbitrator, or (ii) becomes aware of the circumstances specified in Rule 7.5, whichever shall last occur. The notice shall state the reasons for the challenge with specificity. The notice shall not be sent to the Tribunal when the challenged arbitrator is a party-designated arbitrator selected as provided in Rule 5.4; in that event, CPR may provide each member of the Tribunal with an opportunity to comment on the substance of the challenge without disclosing the identity of the party.
- 7.7 When an arbitrator has been challenged by a party, the other party may agree to the challenge or the arbitrator may voluntarily withdraw. Neither of these actions implies acceptance of the validity of the challenge.
- 7.8 If neither agreed disqualification nor voluntary withdrawal occurs, the challenge shall be decided by CPR, after providing the non-challenging party and each member of the Tribunal with an opportunity to comment on the challenge.
- 7.9 In the event of death, resignation or successful challenge of an arbitrator not appointed by a

party, a substitute arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the procedure by which the arbitrator being replaced was selected. In the event of the death, resignation or successful challenge of an arbitrator appointed by a party, that party may appoint a substitute arbitrator; provided, however, that should that party fail to notify the Tribunal and the other party of the substitute appointment within 20 days from the date on which it becomes aware that the opening arose, that party's right of appointment shall lapse and the Tribunal shall promptly request CPR to appoint a substitute arbitrator forthwith.

- 7.10 In the event that an arbitrator fails to act or is *de jure* or *de facto* prevented from duly performing the functions of an arbitrator, the procedures provided in Rule 7.9 shall apply to the selection of a replacement. If the parties do not agree on whether the arbitrator has failed to act or is prevented from performing the functions of an arbitrator, either party may request CPR to make that determination forthwith.
- 7.11 If the sole arbitrator or the chair of the Tribunal is replaced, the successor shall decide the extent to which any hearings held previously shall be repeated. If any other arbitrator is replaced, the Tribunal in its discretion may require that some or all prior hearings be repeated.
- 7.12 If an arbitrator on a three-member Tribunal fails to participate in the arbitration, the two other arbitrators shall have the power in their sole discretion to continue the arbitration and to make any decision, ruling or award, notwithstanding the failure of the third arbitrator to participate, unless the parties agree otherwise. In determining whether to continue the arbitration or to render any decision, ruling or award without the participation of an arbitrator, the two other arbitrators shall take into account the stage of the arbitration, the reason, if any, expressed by the third arbitrator for such non-participation, and such other matters as they consider appropriate in the circumstances of the case. In the event that the two other arbitrators determine not to continue the arbitration without the participation of the third arbitrator, the

procedures provided in Rule 7.9 shall apply to the selection of a replacement.

#### **Rule 8: Challenges to the Jurisdiction of the Tribunal**

- 8.1 The Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine challenges to its jurisdiction, including any objections with respect to the existence, scope or validity of the arbitration agreement. This authority extends to jurisdictional challenges with respect to both the subject matter of the dispute and the parties to the arbitration.
- 8.2 The Tribunal shall have the power to determine the existence, validity or scope of the contract of which an arbitration clause forms a part. For the purposes of challenges to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, the arbitration clause shall be considered as separable from any contract of which it forms a part.
- 8.3 Any challenges to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, except challenges based on the award itself, shall be made not later than the notice of defense or, with respect to a counterclaim, the reply to the counterclaim; provided, however, that if a claim or counterclaim is later added or amended such a challenge may be made not later than the response to such claim or counterclaim as provided under these Rules.

### **C. RULES WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDUCT OF THE ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS**

#### **Rule 9: General Provisions**

- 9.1 Subject to these Rules, the Tribunal may conduct the arbitration in such manner as it shall deem appropriate. The chair shall be responsible for the organization of arbitral conferences and hearings and arrangements with respect to the functioning of the Tribunal.
- 9.2 The proceedings shall be conducted in an expeditious manner. The Tribunal is empowered to impose time limits it considers reasonable on each phase of the proceeding, including without limitation the time allotted to each party

for presentation of its case and for rebuttal. In setting time limits, the Tribunal should bear in mind its obligation to manage the proceeding firmly in order to complete proceedings as economically and expeditiously as possible.

9.3 The Tribunal shall hold an initial pre-hearing conference for the planning and scheduling of the proceeding. Such conference shall be held promptly after the constitution of the Tribunal, unless the Tribunal is of the view that further submissions from the parties are appropriate prior to such conference. The objective of this conference shall be to discuss all elements of the arbitration with a view to planning for its future conduct. Matters to be considered in the initial pre-hearing conference may include, *inter alia*, the following:

- a. Procedural matters (such as the timing and manner of any required disclosure; the desirability of bifurcation or other separation of the issues in the arbitration; the desirability and practicability of consolidating the arbitration with any other proceeding; the scheduling of conferences and hearings; the need for and costs of translations; the scheduling of pre-hearing memoranda; the need for and type of record of conferences and hearings, including the need for transcripts; the amount of time allotted to each party for presentation of its case and for rebuttal; the mode, manner and order for presenting proof; the need for expert witnesses and how expert testimony should be presented; and the necessity for any on-site inspection by the Tribunal);
- b. The early identification and narrowing of the issues in the arbitration, including the possibility of early disposition of any issues in accordance with the CPR Guidelines on Early Disposition of Issues in Arbitration;

- c. The possibility of stipulations of fact and admissions by the parties solely for purposes of the arbitration, as well as simplification of document authentication;
- d. The possibility of appointment of a neutral expert by the Tribunal;
- e. The possibility of the parties engaging in settlement negotiations, with or without the assistance of a mediator; and
- f. The possibility of implementing steps to address issues of cybersecurity and to protect the security of information in the arbitration.

After the initial conference, further pre-hearing or other conferences may be held as the Tribunal deems appropriate.

9.4 In order to define the issues to be heard and determined, the Tribunal may, *inter alia*, make pre-hearing orders for the arbitration and instruct the parties to file more detailed statements of claim and of defense and pre-hearing memoranda.

9.5 Unless the parties have agreed upon the seat of arbitration, the Tribunal shall fix the seat of arbitration based upon the contentions of the parties and the circumstances of the arbitration. The award shall be deemed made at such place. The Tribunal may schedule meetings and hold hearings wherever it deems appropriate.

9.6 If the parties have not agreed otherwise, the language(s) of the arbitration shall be that of the documents containing the arbitration agreement, subject to the power of the Tribunal to determine otherwise based upon the contentions of the parties and the circumstances of the arbitration. The Tribunal may order that any documents submitted in other languages shall be accompanied by a translation into such language or languages.

## Rule 10: Applicable Law(s) and Remedies

- 10.1 The Tribunal shall apply the substantive law(s) or rules of law designated by the parties as applicable to the dispute. Failing such a designation by the parties, the Tribunal shall apply such law(s) or rules of law as it determines to be appropriate.
- 10.2 Subject to Rule 10.1, in arbitrations involving the application of contracts, the Tribunal shall decide in accordance with the terms of the contract and shall take into account usages of the trade applicable to the contract.
- 10.3 The Tribunal shall not decide as *amiable compositeur* or *ex aequo et bono* unless the parties have authorized it to do so in writing or on the record.
- 10.4 The Tribunal may grant any remedy or relief, including but not limited to specific performance of a contract, which is within the scope of the agreement of the parties and permissible under the law(s) or rules of law applicable to the dispute pursuant to Rule 10.1, or, if the parties have expressly so provided pursuant to Rule 10.3, within the Tribunal's authority to decide as *amiable compositeur* or *ex aequo et bono*.
- 10.5 Unless the parties agree otherwise, the parties expressly waive and forego any right to punitive, exemplary or similar damages unless a statute requires that compensatory damages be increased in a specified manner. This provision shall not limit the Tribunal's authority under Rule 17.3 to take into account a party's dilatory or bad faith conduct in the arbitration in apportioning arbitration costs between or among the parties.
- 10.6 A monetary award shall be in the currency or currencies of the contract unless the Tribunal considers another currency more appropriate, and the Tribunal may award such pre-award and post-award interest, simple or compound, as it considers appropriate, taking into consideration the contract and applicable law.

## Rule 11: Disclosure

The Tribunal may require and facilitate such disclosure as it shall determine is appropriate in the circumstances, taking into account the needs of the parties and the desirability of making disclosure expeditious and cost-effective. The Tribunal may issue orders to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information, trade secrets and other sensitive information disclosed.

## Rule 12: Evidence and Hearings

- 12.1 The Tribunal shall determine the manner in which the parties shall present their cases. Unless otherwise determined by the Tribunal or agreed by the parties, the presentation of a party's case shall include the submission of a pre-hearing memorandum including the following elements:
- a. A statement of facts;
  - b. A statement of each claim being asserted;
  - c. A statement of the applicable law and authorities upon which the party relies;
  - d. A statement of the relief requested, including the basis for any damages claimed; and
  - e. The evidence to be presented, including documents relied upon and the name, capacity and subject of testimony of any witnesses to be called, and the language in which each witness will testify.
- 12.2 If either party so requests or the Tribunal so directs, a hearing shall be held for the presentation of evidence and oral argument. Testimony may be presented in written and/or oral form as the Tribunal may determine is appropriate. The Tribunal is not required to apply the rules of evidence used in judicial proceedings. The Tribunal shall determine the applicability of any privilege or immunity and the admissibility, relevance, materiality and weight of the evidence offered.

- 12.3 The Tribunal, in its discretion, may require the parties to produce evidence in addition to that initially offered. It may also appoint neutral experts whose testimony shall be subject to examination by the parties and the Tribunal and to rebuttal.
- 12.4 The Tribunal shall determine the manner in which witnesses are to be examined, including the need and arrangements for translation of any witness testimony in a language other than the language of the arbitration. The Tribunal shall have the right to exclude witnesses from hearings during the testimony of other witnesses.
- 12.5 In order to support the development of the next generation of lawyers, the Tribunal, in its discretion, may encourage lead counsel to permit more junior lawyers with significantly less arbitration experience than lead counsel to examine witnesses at the hearing and present argument. The Tribunal, in its discretion, may permit experienced counsel to provide assistance or support, where appropriate, to a lawyer with significantly less experience during the examination of witnesses or argument. Notwithstanding the contents of this Rule 12.5, the ultimate decision of who speaks on behalf of the client in an arbitration is for the parties and their counsel, not the Tribunal.

**Rule 13: Interim Measures of Protection**

- 13.1 At the request of a party, the Tribunal may take such interim measures as it deems necessary, including measures for the preservation of assets, the conservation of goods or the sale of perishable goods. The Tribunal may require appropriate security as a condition of ordering such measures.
- 13.2 A request for interim measures by a party to a court shall not be deemed incompatible with the agreement to arbitrate or as a waiver of that agreement.

**Rule 14: Emergency Measures of Protection by an Emergency Arbitrator**

- 14.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, this Rule 14 shall be deemed part of any arbitration clause or agreement that provides for arbitration pursuant to these Rules.
- 14.2 Prior to the constitution of the Tribunal, any party may request that emergency measures be granted under this Rule against any other party by an emergency arbitrator appointed for that purpose.
- 14.3 Emergency measures under this Rule are requested by written application to CPR, entitled “Request for Emergency Measures of Protection by an Emergency Arbitrator,” describing in reasonable detail the relief sought, the party against whom the relief is sought, the grounds for the relief, and, if practicable, the evidence and law supporting the request. The request shall be delivered in accordance with Rule 2.1 and shall certify that all other parties affected have been notified of the request or explain the steps taken to notify such parties.
- 14.4 The request for emergency measures shall be accompanied by an initial deposit of \$2,000, paid to CPR by wire, check, credit card or draft. CPR shall promptly determine, pursuant to its administrative rules, any further deposit due to cover the fee of CPR and the remuneration of the emergency arbitrator, which amount shall be paid within the time period determined by CPR.
- 14.5 If the parties agree upon an emergency arbitrator within one business day of the request, that arbitrator shall be appointed. If there is no such timely agreement, CPR shall appoint an emergency arbitrator from a list of arbitrators maintained by CPR for that purpose. To the extent practicable, CPR shall appoint the emergency arbitrator within one business day of CPR’s receipt of the application for emergency measures under this Rule. The emergency arbitrator’s fee shall be determined by CPR in consultation with the emergency arbitrator.

- The emergency arbitrator's fee and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses shall be paid from the deposit made with CPR.
- 14.6 Prior to accepting appointment, an emergency arbitrator candidate shall disclose to CPR any circumstances that might give rise to justifiable doubt regarding the arbitrator's independence or impartiality within the meaning of Rule 7.3. Any challenge to the appointment of an emergency arbitrator must be made within one business day of the challenging party's receipt of CPR's notification of the appointment of the arbitrator and the circumstances disclosed. An emergency arbitrator may be challenged on any ground for challenging arbitrators generally under Rule 7. To the extent practicable, CPR shall rule on the challenge within one business day after CPR's receipt of the challenge. CPR's ruling on the challenge shall be final.
- 14.7 In the event of death, resignation or successful challenge of an emergency arbitrator, CPR shall appoint a replacement forthwith in accordance with the procedures prescribed in Rules 14.5 and 14.6.
- 14.8 The emergency arbitrator shall determine the procedure to be followed, which shall include, whenever possible, reasonable notice to, and an opportunity for hearing (either in person, by teleconference or other appropriate means), all affected parties. The emergency arbitrator shall conduct the proceedings as expeditiously as possible, and shall have the powers vested in the Tribunal under Rule 8, including the power to rule on his/her own jurisdiction and the applicability of this Rule 14.
- 14.9 The emergency arbitrator may grant such emergency measures as he or she deems necessary, including but not limited to measures for the preservation of assets, the conservation of goods or the sale of perishable goods.
- 14.10 The ruling on the request for emergency measures shall be made by award or order, and the emergency arbitrator may state in such award or order whether or not award or order is final for purposes of any judicial proceedings in connection therewith. The award or order may be made conditional upon the provision of security or any act or omission specified in the award or order. The award or order may provide for the payment of a specified amount in case of noncompliance with its terms.
- 14.11 The award or order shall specify the relief awarded or denied, shall determine the cost of the proceedings, including CPR's administrative fee, the arbitrator's fee and expenses as determined by CPR, and apportion such costs among the parties as the emergency arbitrator deems appropriate. The emergency arbitrator may also apportion the parties' reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses in the award or order or in a supplementary award or order. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the award or order shall state the reasoning on which the award or order rests as the emergency arbitrator deems appropriate.
- 14.12 A request for emergency measures by a party to a court shall not be deemed incompatible with the agreement to arbitrate, including the agreement to this Rule 14, or as a waiver of that agreement.
- 14.13 The award or order shall remain in effect until modified or vacated by the emergency arbitrator or the Tribunal. The emergency arbitrator may modify or vacate the award or order for good cause. If the Tribunal is constituted before the emergency arbitrator has rendered an award or order, the emergency arbitrator shall retain jurisdiction to render such award or order unless and until the Tribunal directs otherwise. Once the Tribunal has been constituted, the Tribunal may modify or vacate the award or order rendered by the emergency arbitrator.
- 14.14 The emergency arbitrator shall not serve as a member of the Tribunal unless the parties agree otherwise.

## Rule 15: The Award

- 15.1 The Tribunal may make final, interim, interlocutory and partial orders or awards. With respect to any interim, interlocutory or partial award, the Tribunal may state in its award whether or not the award is final for purposes of any judicial proceedings in connection therewith.
- 15.2 All awards shall be in writing and shall state the reasoning on which the award rests unless the parties agree otherwise. The award shall be deemed to be made at the seat of arbitration and shall contain the date on which the award was made. When there are three arbitrators, the award shall be made and signed by at least a majority of the arbitrators.
- 15.3 A member of the Tribunal who does not join in an award may issue a dissenting opinion. Such opinion shall not constitute part of the award.
- 15.4 Executed copies of awards and of any dissenting opinion shall be delivered by the Tribunal to the parties. If the arbitration law of the country where the award is made requires the award to be filed or registered, the parties shall bring such requirements to the attention of the Tribunal, and the Tribunal shall endeavor to arrange for compliance with such requirement.
- 15.5 Within 20 days after receipt of the award, either party, with notice to the other party, may request the Tribunal to clarify the award; to correct any clerical, typographical or computation errors, or any errors of a similar nature in the award; or to make an additional award as to claims or counterclaims presented in the arbitration but not determined in the award. The Tribunal shall make any clarification, correction or additional award requested by either party that it deems justified within 30 days after receipt of such request. Within 20 days after delivery of the award to the parties or, if a party requests a clarification, correction or additional award, within 30 days after receipt of such request, the Tribunal may make such corrections and additional awards on its own initiative as it deems appropriate. All clarifications, corrections

and additional awards shall be in writing, and the provisions of this Rule 15 shall apply to them.

- 15.6 The award shall be final and binding on the parties, and the parties will undertake to carry out the award without delay. If an interpretation, correction or additional award is requested by a party, or a correction or additional award is made by the Tribunal on its own initiative, as provided in Rule 15.5, the award shall be final and binding on the parties when such clarification, correction or additional award is made by the Tribunal or upon the expiration of the time periods provided in Rule 15.5 for such clarification, correction or additional award to be made, whichever is earlier.
- 15.7 The dispute should in most circumstances be heard and be submitted to the Tribunal for decision within nine months after the initial pre-hearing conference required by Rule 9.3. The final award should in most circumstances be rendered within two months after the close of proceedings. The parties and the Tribunal shall use their best efforts to comply with this schedule.

## D. MISCELLANEOUS RULES

### Rule 16: Failure to Comply with Rules

Whenever a party fails to comply with these Rules, or any order of the Tribunal pursuant to these Rules, in a manner deemed material by the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall, if appropriate, fix a reasonable period of time for compliance and, if the party does not comply within said period, the Tribunal may impose a remedy it deems just, including an award on default. Prior to entering an award on default, the Tribunal shall require the non-defaulting party to produce such evidence and legal argument in support of its contentions as the Tribunal may deem appropriate. The Tribunal may receive such evidence and argument without the defaulting party's presence or participation.

### Rule 17: Costs

- 17.1 Each arbitrator shall be compensated on a reasonable basis determined at the time of appointment for serving as an arbitrator and

shall be reimbursed for any reasonable travel and other expenses. The compensation for each arbitrator shall be fully disclosed to all Tribunal members and parties. If there is a disagreement concerning the terms of compensation, an appropriate rate shall be established with the arbitrator by CPR and confirmed in writing to the parties. Subject to any agreement between the parties to the contrary, the parties shall be jointly and severally liable for such fees and expenses.

17.2 The Tribunal shall fix the costs of arbitration in its award. The costs of arbitration include:

- a. The fees and expenses of members of the Tribunal;
- b. The costs of expert advice and other assistance engaged by the Tribunal;
- c. The travel, translation, and other expenses of witnesses to such extent as the Tribunal may deem appropriate;
- d. The costs for legal representation and assistance and experts incurred by a party to such extent as the Tribunal may deem appropriate;
- e. The charges and expenses of CPR with respect to the arbitration;
- f. The costs of a transcript, if any; and
- g. The costs of meeting and hearing facilities.

17.3 Subject to any agreement between the parties to the contrary, the Tribunal may apportion the costs of arbitration between or among the parties in such manner as it deems reasonable, taking into account the circumstances of the case, the conduct of the parties during the proceeding, and the result of the arbitration.

17.4 The Tribunal may request each party to deposit an appropriate amount as an advance for the costs referred to in Rule 17.2 except those specified in subparagraph (d), and, during

the course of the proceeding, it may request supplementary deposits from the parties. Any such funds shall be held and disbursed in such a manner as the Tribunal may deem appropriate.

17.5 If the requested deposits are not paid in full within 20 days after receipt of the request, the Tribunal shall so inform the parties in order that jointly or severally they may make the requested payment. If such payment is not made, the Tribunal may suspend or terminate the proceeding.

17.6 After the proceeding has been concluded, the Tribunal shall return any unexpended balance from deposits made to the parties as may be appropriate.

#### **Rule 18: Confidentiality**

Unless the parties agree otherwise, the parties, the arbitrators and CPR shall treat the proceedings, any related disclosure and the decisions of the Tribunal, as confidential, except in connection with judicial proceedings ancillary to the arbitration, such as a judicial challenge to, or enforcement of, an award, and unless otherwise required by law or to protect a legal right of a party. To the extent possible, any specific issues of confidentiality should be raised with and resolved by the Tribunal.

#### **Rule 19: Settlement and Mediation**

19.1 Either party may propose settlement negotiations to the other party at any time. The Tribunal may suggest that the parties explore settlement at such times as the Tribunal may deem appropriate.

19.2 With the consent of the parties, the Tribunal at any stage of the proceeding may arrange for mediation of the claims asserted in the arbitration by a mediator acceptable to the parties. The mediator shall be a person other than a member of the Tribunal. Unless the parties agree otherwise, any such mediation shall be conducted under the CPR International Mediation Procedure.

- 19.3 The Tribunal will not be informed of any settlement offers or other statements made during settlement negotiations or a mediation between the parties, unless both parties consent.
- 19.4 If the parties settle the dispute before an award is made, the Tribunal shall terminate the arbitration and, if requested by all parties and accepted by the Tribunal, may record the settlement in the form of an award made by consent of the parties. The Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for such an award.

#### **Rule 20: Actions Against CPR or Arbitrator(s)**

Neither CPR nor any arbitrator shall be liable to any party for any act or omission in connection with any arbitration conducted under these Rules.

#### **Rule 21: Waiver**

A party knowing of a failure to comply with any provision of these Rules, or any requirement of the arbitration agreement or any direction of the Tribunal, and neglecting to state its objections promptly, waives any objection thereto.

#### **Rule 22: Interpretation and Application of Rules**

The Tribunal shall interpret and apply these Rules insofar as they relate to the Tribunal's powers and duties. When there is more than one member on the Tribunal and a difference arises among them concerning the meaning or application of these Rules, that difference shall be decided by a majority vote. All other Rules shall be interpreted and applied by CPR. Unless otherwise provided in the Rules, whenever under these Rules CPR is required to make a determination, CPR in its discretion may refer the issue for such determination to a panel of three members from the CPR International Arbitration Council, the composition of which is set forth on the CPR website.

For information on how to file a matter with CPR, see <https://www.cpradr.org/dispute-resolution-services/file-a-case>.