



Rules for advance payment of fees to arbitrators

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1. As a rule, fees will be paid to the arbitrators after the arbitral award has been handed down.
2. The President of the Arbitration Centre can authorise up to two partial payments requested of them, if they deem it justified, and provided that neither party makes a reasoned objection to the partial payment of fees in advance, taking into account in particular the partial or preliminary awards made, the efficiency of the tribunal's management of the case, and the time spent by the arbitrators.
3. Arbitrators who want partial payment of their fees in advance must submit a request to that effect to the President of the Commercial Arbitration Centre, stating the reasons for their request and presenting a report on the work carried out up to the date of the request.
4. The request is submitted to the Centre's Secretariat, and the parties are notified so that they can give their opinion.
5. Once the parties have been heard, the request is submitted to the President of the Centre for a decision, accompanied by information from the Secretary General on the relevant activity carried out in the case.
6. No interim payments may be made in excess of:
 - (i) 25% of the probable fees, if such payments are made before the start of the trial hearing;
 - (ii) 50% of the probable fees, if such payments are made after the end of the trial.
7. If an arbitrator who has already received an advance on their fees is replaced, the arbitrator who replaces them, unless the parties agree otherwise, will only be entitled to the part of the fees that is missing.

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The Board of the Commercial Arbitration Centre