SCC statistics

Statistics 2021

- In 2021, the SCC registered 165 new cases, 78 (47%) of which were international disputes and 87 (53%) were Swedish disputes (involved only Swedish parties).
• Of the 2021 caseload, 62% (103 cases) were arbitrations registered under the SCC Arbitration Rules, and 30% (49 cases) were registered under the SCC Rules for Expedited Arbitrations. The SCC also registered 7 Emergency Arbitrator proceedings.

Parties from 42 different countries appeared in disputes before the SCC in 2021.

The disputes brought to the SCC in 2021 stemmed from many different types of agreements. Most frequently, parties brought disputes arising out of service agreements, business acquisitions and delivery agreements.
19% of the awards rendered under the SCC Arbitration Rules in 2021, were rendered within six months from when the case was referred to the arbitrator or tribunal. Another 56% of the awards were rendered between 6 to 12 months from the date of referral.

60% of the awards rendered under the SCC Rules for Expedited Arbitration in 2021 were rendered within three months from referral. Another 29% of the awards were rendered between three to six months from referral.
The most frequent applicable law in SCC cases commenced in 2021 was Swedish law (68%, 113 cases), followed by Tajikistan law and English law.

* CSIG: UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods

The numbers indicate the total amount in dispute in cases commenced in 2021. They include cases under the SCC Rules, Expedited Rules, Emergency Arbitrations and cases administered under the UNCITRAL Rules where the information was available.
The cases registered in 2021 used Swedish or English language.

In 74% (122) of the cases commenced in 2021, Stockholm was selected as the seat of arbitration. Gothenburg and Sundsvall were the second most frequently chosen seats. Seats outside of Sweden remain relatively rare in SCC arbitrations.

*NA = not applicable
If a decision on interim measures is needed to provisionally ensure a party’s claim before the commencement of an arbitration, the party may apply to the SCC for the appointment of an emergency arbitrator in accordance with the SCC Rules.

Seven emergency arbitrator proceedings were commenced at the SCC in 2021. In all cases, an emergency arbitrator was appointed within 24 hours, and decisions were rendered on average after 6.6 days.

Of the seven emergency arbitrator proceedings initiated in 2021, one resulted in interim relief being granted. Two requests were partially granted. Three requests were denied. One request was dismissed due to settlement.
As of 2017, there is no default under the SCC Arbitration Rules in favour of a three-member tribunal.

In 58% of the 103 cases commenced under the Arbitration Rules in 2021, it was decided on a three member tribunal. In 36% of the cases, it was decided on a sole arbitrator.

Number of appointed arbitrators from a specific continent.

Most arbitrators appointed in SCC cases commenced in 2020 were of European nationalities. However, arbitrators from North America, Australia and South America were also appointed.
In 2021 the number of women appointed by the SCC has increased to 49%. In total 29% of the appointed arbitrators were women and 71% were men.

Among the 17 challenges of arbitrator launched in 2021, 11 challenges were dismissed, 6 were sustained. In addition there was 1 request for relief.