

## General Information

**The Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce was established on 1 January, 1950 and operated initially under the name of the Council of Arbitrators at the Polish Chamber of Foreign Trade as a separate, independent unit, created to settle international trade disputes.**

Since 1990 the Court of Arbitration has continued its operations at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, has become the most renowned and popular permanent Polish arbitration court and is increasing in popularity in this part of Europe. Almost 20% of cases are international in character. In addition to the best Polish lawyers there are a lot of foreign arbitration specialists on the List of Arbitrators. The Court handles ad hoc arbitration proceedings on the basis of the UNCITRAL Rules of Arbitration. It conducts mediation proceedings and promotes arbitration in academic and commercial circles. It has concluded many cooperation agreements with other arbitration institutions known all over the world. The Court of Arbitration at the PCC is a founder member of the International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions, a member of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration, the ICC European Arbitration Group, the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris and the Special Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

### Arbitrators and Mediators of the Court of Arbitration

The List of Arbitrators – Chairmen of the Arbitral Tribunals currently includes 193 eminent arbitrators from: Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The List of Mediators includes 84 arbitrators from various parts of Poland.

### Proceedings before the Court of Arbitration

The Court of Arbitration is competent if – under a valid arbitration agreement – the parties have submitted disputes for it to settle which have arisen or may arise between them pertinent to a specific contractual or non-contractual legal relationship. In order to submit the disputes for the settlement by the Court of Arbitration it is sufficient to include the following clause in the contract: “Any disputes resulting from or related to this contract are to be settled by the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw pursuant to the Rules of this Court”.

The course of proceeding before the Court of Arbitration at the PCC is regulated by the provisions of the Rules of the Court of Arbitration of 1 January 2015. According to the Rules the parties are free to choose the arbitrators, who subsequently appoint the presiding arbitrator from among the persons included in the List of Arbitrators – Chairmen of the Arbitral Tribunals maintained by the Court of Arbitration at the PCC. The parties can also decide the place and language of the proceedings.

The fees for the proceedings before the Court of Arbitration at the PCC are specified in the Tariff of Fees for the Activities of the Arbitration Court at the PCC, constituting an attachment to the Rules. The fees are specified in relation to the value of the subject matter in dispute.

As a permanent arbitration court, the Court of Arbitration at the PCC provides reliable, quick, impartial and confident settlement of disputes. In the course of 70 years of activity it has settled over 15.000 disputes.

Between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020, 1,365 disputes were submitted.

The duration of proceedings concluded with an award is usually from six to nine months from the appointment of the Arbitral Tribunal.

