

In a China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (“CIETAC”)* arbitration, parties must budget for the following heads of cost: (1) **CIETAC fees**; (2) **legal fees**; (3) **expert fees**; (4) **hearing costs**; and (5) **other costs**. The typical amounts of each of these costs, as well as the timing of their payment, are summarised in the table below:

*For arbitrations administered by the CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center, see page 3.

Head of Cost	Sub-Head	Amount	Timing of Payment
CIETAC Fees	Registration Fee	RMB 10,000	Payable when a case is accepted.
	Arbitration Fee	Determined according to the amount in dispute, ranges from RMB 10,000 to RMB 11,125,000 + 0.4% of the amount in dispute over RMB 2,000,000,000 , and can be calculated online using the CIETAC’s <u>Fee Calculator</u> .	Payable in advance within a specified time period by the party applying for arbitration or filing a counterclaim.
	Additional Reasonable and Actual Costs	Includes arbitrators’ special remuneration (at an hourly rate), travel and accommodation expenses, engagement fees of stenographers, costs and expenses of experts, appraisers, or interpreters appointed by the tribunal.	Deposit for the special remuneration, travel, and accommodation expenses payable by the party nominating an arbitrator in advance within a time period specified by the CIETAC. Deposit for the travel and accommodation expenses of the tribunal when the hearing is held at a place other than the domicile of CIETAC, payable by the parties within a time period specified by CIETAC.
Legal Fees		Can vary widely depending on the firm retained – for the sake of transparency and predictability, Aceris Law has made available online its own <u>Arbitration Legal Fee Calculator</u> , based on the amount in dispute.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and its lawyers, often monthly, though a retainer fee is often due up-front.
Expert Fees (if necessary)		Can vary significantly depending on the firm retained, the number of experts, and the depth of analysis required.	Payable according to the schedule agreed between the party and the experts.

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Hearing Costs		Can vary widely depending on the length and location of the hearing, whether it is held in-person or online, the number of witnesses, etc.	Generally payable at the time of the hearing.
Other Costs (as needed)		Can include fees for printing and mailing submissions; the cost of complying with document production requests; translations, etc.	Payable as they arise.

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CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center Fees	Registration Fee	HKD 8,000	Payable when submitting the Request for Arbitration.
	Administrative Fee	Determined according to the amount in dispute, ranges from HKD 25,000 to HKD 600,000 , and can be calculated online using the CIETAC's <u>Fee Calculator</u> .	
	Arbitrator's Fees and Expenses	Determined according to the amount in dispute, range from HKD 15,000 to HKD 1,749,500 + 0.06% of the amount in dispute over 750,000,00 , and can be calculated online using the CIETAC's <u>Fee Calculator</u> .	Payable in advance by the parties, but can be made in instalments with the CIETAC Hong Kong Arbitration Center's approval.
	Additional Reasonable and Actual Costs	Includes arbitrators' special remuneration (at an hourly rate), travel and accommodation expenses, engagement fees of stenographers, costs and expenses of experts, appraisers, or interpreters appointed by the tribunal.	Deposit for the special remuneration, travel, and accommodation expenses payable by the party nominating an arbitrator in advance within a time period specified by the CIETAC. Deposit for the travel and accommodation expenses of the tribunal when the hearing is held at a place other than the domicile of CIETAC, payable by the parties within a time period specified by CIETAC.
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Hearing Costs		For CIETAC Hong Kong arbitration, the administrative fee includes the remuneration of the case manager and the costs of using oral hearing rooms of CIETAC and/or its sub-commissions/arbitration centers (Schedule III, Article 2). Other actual expenses (e.g., interpreters, experts, travel, or use of non-CIETAC venues) are charged separately in accordance with the Rules.	Generally payable at the time of the hearing.
Other Costs (as needed)		Can include fees for printing and mailing submissions; the cost of complying with document production requests; translations, etc.	Payable as they arise.