



Arbitration Act 1950

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO ARBITRATION

Costs, Fees and Interest

18 Costs.

- (1) Unless a contrary intention is expressed therein, every arbitration agreement shall be deemed to include a provision that the costs of the reference and award shall be in the discretion of the arbitrator or umpire, who may direct to and by whom and in what manner those costs or any part thereof shall be paid, and may tax or settle the amount of costs to be so paid or any part thereof, and may award costs to be paid as between solicitor and client.
- (2) Any costs directed by an award to be paid shall, unless the award otherwise directs, be taxable in the High Court.
- (3) Any provision in an arbitration agreement to the effect that the parties or any party thereto shall in any event pay their or his own costs of the reference or award or any part thereof shall be void, and this Part of this Act shall, in the case of an arbitration agreement containing any such provision, have effect as if that provision were not contained therein:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall invalidate such a provision when it is a part of an agreement to submit to arbitration a dispute which has arisen before the making of that agreement.

- (4) If no provision is made by an award with respect to the costs of the reference, any party to the reference may, within fourteen days of the publication of the award or such further time as the High Court or a judge thereof may direct, apply to the arbitrator for an order directing by and to whom those costs shall be paid, and thereupon the arbitrator shall, after hearing any party who may desire to be heard, amend his award

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by adding thereto such directions as he may think proper with respect to the payment of the costs of the reference.

- (5) Section sixty-nine of the ^{M1}Solicitors Act, 1932 (which empowers a court before which any proceeding is being heard or is pending to charge property recovered or preserved in the proceeding with the payment of solicitors' costs) shall apply as if an arbitration were a proceeding in the High Court, and the High Court may make declarations and orders accordingly.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 18 applied by S.I. 1958/1486 (1958 I, p. 346) and with modifications by Industry Act 1975 (c. 68), s. 20(1), Sch. 3 Pt. II para. 14
- C2** S. 18 applied (24.12.1994) by S.I. 1994/3064, art. 4(2)
- C3** S. 18(3)(4) applied (1.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1022, art. 26
- C4** S. 18(5) applied (1.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1022, art. 32

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1932 c. 37.

19 Taxation of arbitrator's or umpire's fees.

- (1) If in any case an arbitrator or umpire refuses to deliver his award except on payment of the fees demanded by him, the High Court may, on an application for the purpose, order that the arbitrator or umpire shall deliver the award to the applicant on payment into court by the applicant of the fees demanded, and further that the fees demanded shall be taxed by the taxing officer and that out of the money paid into court there shall be paid out to the arbitrator or umpire by way of fees such sum as may be found reasonable on taxation and that the balance of the money, if any, shall be paid out to the applicant.
- (2) An application for the purposes of this section may be made by any party to the reference unless the fees demanded have been fixed by a written agreement between him and the arbitrator or umpire.
- (3) A taxation of fees under this section may be reviewed in the same manner as a taxation of costs.
- (4) The arbitrator or umpire shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any taxation or review of taxation under this section.

[^{F1}19A Power of arbitrator to award interest.

- (1) Unless a contrary intention is expressed therein, every arbitration agreement shall, where such a provision is applicable to the reference, be deemed to contain a provision that the arbitrator or umpire may, if he thinks fit, award simple interest at such rate as he thinks fit—
- (a) on any sum which is the subject of the reference but which is paid before the award, for such period ending not later than the date of the payment as he thinks fit; and
- (b) on any sum which he awards, for such period ending not later than the date of the award as he thinks fit.

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- (2) The power to award interest conferred on an arbitrator or umpire by subsection (1) above is without prejudice to any other power of an arbitrator or umpire to award interest.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 19A inserted by [Administration of Justice Act 1982 \(c. 53, SIF 37\)](#), s. 15, **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 S. 19A applied (1.5.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1022](#), **art. 32**

20 Interest on awards.

A sum directed to be paid by an award shall, unless the award otherwise directs, carry interest as from the date of the award and at the same rate as a judgment debt.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C6 S. 20 excluded by [Covent Garden Market Act 1961 \(c. 49\)](#), **s. 53**
S. 20 applied (1.5.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1022](#), **art.32**

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