



Arbitration Act 1950

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO ARBITRATION

Provisions as to Awards

13 Time for making award.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section twenty-two of this Act, and anything to the contrary in the arbitration agreement, an arbitrator or umpire shall have power to make an award at any time.
- (2) The time, if any, limited for making an award, whether under this Act or otherwise, may from time to time be enlarged by order of the High Court or a judge thereof, whether that time has expired or not.
- (3) The High Court may, on the application of any party to a reference, remove an arbitrator or umpire who fails to use all reasonable dispatch in entering on and proceeding with the reference and making an award, and an arbitrator or umpire who is removed by the High Court under this subsection shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration in respect of his services.

For the purposes of this subsection, the expression “proceeding with a reference” includes, in a case where two arbitrators are unable to agree, giving notice of that fact to the parties and to the umpire.

[^{F1}13A Want of prosecution.

- (1) Unless a contrary intention is expressed in the arbitration agreement, the arbitrator or umpire shall have power to make an award dismissing any claim in a dispute referred to him if it appears to him that the conditions mentioned in subsection (2) are satisfied.
- (2) The conditions are—

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- (a) that there has been inordinate and inexcusable delay on the part of the claimant in pursuing the claim; and
- (b) that the delay—
 - (i) will give rise to a substantial risk that it is not possible to have a fair resolution of the issues in that claim; or
 - (ii) has caused, or is likely to cause or to have caused, serious prejudice to the respondent.
- (3) For the purpose of keeping the provision made by this section and the corresponding provision which applies in relation to proceedings in the High Court in step, the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument amend subsection (2) above.
- (4) Before making any such order the Secretary of State shall consult the Lord Chancellor and such other persons as he considers appropriate.
- (5) No such order shall be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 13A inserted (01.01.1992) by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 5\)](#), **ss.102**, 124; [S.I. 1991/2730](#), **art. 2**, Sch.

14 Interim awards.

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, make an interim award, and any reference in this Part of this Act to an award includes a reference to an interim award.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 14 amended by [Arbitration Act 1979 \(c. 42, SIF 5\)](#), **s. 7(1)(a)**
- C2** S. 14 applied (1.5.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1022](#), **art.32**

15 Specific performance.

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 shall have the same power as the High Court to order specific performance of any contract other than a contract relating to land or any interest in land.

16 Awards to be final.

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 award to be made by the arbitrator or umpire shall be final and binding on the parties and the persons claiming under them respectively.

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17 Power to correct slips.

Unless a contrary intention is expressed in the arbitration agreement, the arbitrator or umpire shall have power to correct in an award any clerical mistake or error arising from any accidental slip or omission.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 S. 17 applied with modifications by Industry Act 1975 (c. 68), s. 20(1), **Sch. 3 Pt. II para. 14**

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