



Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010

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Arbitration agreements

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An “arbitration agreement” is an agreement to submit a present or future dispute to arbitration (including any agreement which provides for arbitration in accordance with arbitration provisions contained in a separate document).

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5 Separability

- (1) An arbitration agreement which forms (or was intended to form) part only of an agreement is to be treated as a distinct agreement.
- (2) An arbitration agreement is not void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable only because the agreement of which it forms part is void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable.
- (3) A dispute about the validity of an agreement which includes an arbitration agreement may be arbitrated in accordance with that arbitration agreement.

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6 Law governing arbitration agreement

Where—

- (a) the parties to an arbitration agreement agree that an arbitration under that agreement is to be seated in Scotland, but
- (b) the arbitration agreement does not specify the law which is to govern it,

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then, unless the parties otherwise agree, the arbitration agreement is to be governed by Scots law.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) (temp.) by [2014 c. 1 s. 16\(4\)](#)
- Act power to amend conferred by [2014 c. 1 s. 16\(5\)](#)