

# Arbitration Act 1996

## **1996 CHAPTER 23**

#### PART I

#### ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Powers of the court in relation to award

### 67 Challenging the award: substantive jurisdiction

- (1) A party to arbitral proceedings may (upon notice to the other parties and to the tribunal) apply to the court—
  - (a) challenging any award of the arbitral tribunal as to its substantive jurisdiction; or
  - (b) for an order declaring an award made by the tribunal on the merits to be of no effect, in whole or in part, because the tribunal did not have substantive jurisdiction.

A party may lose the right to object (see section 73) and the right to apply is subject to the restrictions in section 70(2) and (3).

- (2) The arbitral tribunal may continue the arbitral proceedings and make a further award while an application to the court under this section is pending in relation to an award as to jurisdiction.
- (3) On an application under this section challenging an award of the arbitral tribunal as to its substantive jurisdiction, the court may by order—
  - (a) confirm the award,
  - (b) vary the award, or
  - (c) set aside the award in whole or in part.
- (4) The leave of the court is required for any appeal from a decision of the court under this section.