

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MARITIME ARBITRATION



Singapore is a premier global hub port, leading international maritime centre and a trading hub that is home to a comprehensive maritime ecosystem of over 5,000 establishments and 400 trading firms. The growth of maritime and international trade clusters has been accompanied by the rise of Singapore as a centre for dispute resolution.

Singapore is a leading venue for international arbitration and the Singapore courts provide a high level of support for arbitration with minimum intervention. SCMA's vision is to be the leading Asian Arbitration Institution for maritime-related disputes.



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WHY CHOOSE SCMA?

SCMA's distinctive features include:

Flexibility

SCMA's model means that disputants are given all the tools they need to self-administer their arbitration with one distinct advantage – the option of services provided by SCMA's dedicated Secretariat. This translates into maximum flexibility over the arbitration process while ensuring peace of mind that the institution can provide a range of services, where requested.

Expertise

Disputants are free to choose from SCMA's diverse panel of arbitrators. The panel is curated to include arbitrators of various nationalities and jurisdictions with specialized legal, technical, and industrial skills to determine disputes fairly and correctly. The flexible model means that parties are still free to appoint an arbitrator from outside of the SCMA Panel.

Robust, Specialized Rules

The SCMA maintains a robust set of arbitration rules which are constantly tried and tested by the maritime, trade and arbitration communities. The rules are responsive to the needs of its users and in this respect, there are specialized procedures for bunker claims, collisions, and other smaller disputes to maintain a streamlined and cost-effective outcome. There is also an arb-med-arb protocol available to disputants.

Cost-effective

Unless disputants choose to use any of SCMA's services, no costs are levied by the SCMA. The self-administered model means that a party can commence and run the arbitration entirely at its own cost. The SCMA neither imposes any mandatory deposits nor enforces a scale of fees for arbitrator remuneration. Any fees paid to the arbitrator are mutually agreed between disputants and the arbitrator.

Inclusive Membership

Membership of the SCMA is open to companies and individuals from all sectors of the maritime, trade and arbitration communities. Many members are part of our committees which provide guidance and feedback on the needs of the industry to ensure SCMA stays relevant and responsive to changes on the ground.

Ease of Use

SCMA and Singapore are the default choices for dispute resolution under the Singapore Ship Sale Form and in the Singapore Standard Code of Practice for Bunkering. SCMA and Singapore are also listed as one of the default choices for arbitration in BIMCO's Law and Arbitration Clause 2020 and the NYPE Time Charter 2015. Parties are free to choose any governing law. The SCMA maintains digitally accessible model clauses for use in your contract.



 Clauses

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SCMA Model Clauses

Enforceability

Singapore is signatory to the 1958 New York Convention. Arbitral awards issued in Singapore are enforceable in over 165 states across the globe. Awards made are final and binding.

About the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration

The Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration is a specialist arbitration institution which provides a neutral, cost-effective and flexible framework for maritime and international trade arbitrations that is responsive to the needs of industry users. Its global and regional members hail from all sectors of maritime, trade and arbitration communities. SCMA attracts disputants in the region by providing tailored solutions to suit the region's interests.

The Secretariat helms the promotion and development of SCMA across the region. The Secretariat also leads educational and training symposiums to foster thought leadership and encourage pragmatic solutions for maritime and trade businesses. The Registrar and Assistant Registrar provide administrative support to disputants and tribunals, when requested.

