

ISF Arbitration Decision Flowchart for Seed Related Disputes



CHECK FOR A MENTION OF ISF

Verify the existence of a written contract, or an oral agreement, that mentions the ISF Trade Rules or an ISF arbitration clause.



ATTEMPT AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

through informal discussion, mediation or conciliation. ISF Arbitration Chamber can provide a list of mediators and conciliators.



FILE REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION

In case the mediation or conciliation fails, submit an official request for arbitration to the ISF Arbitration Chamber within 365 days after the first mention of the dispute between the Parties (a process of mediation /conciliation suspends this time limit) or the National Seed association if the seller/multiplier is based in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Argentina or Australia.



RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE

The respondent has 20 working days to send a brief summary of its defense and potentially file counterclaim(s).



SELECTION OF 3 ARBITRATORS

Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal Each Party appoints 1 arbitrator from ISF list and the ISF Arbitration Chamber appoints the 3rd one.



ARBITRATION PROCEEDING

Exchange of written argumentations between Parties and arbitrators and organization of hearing(s), preferably virtually.



FINAL AWARD

The Arbitral Tribunal issues a binding and enforceable award which should be fulfilled within 30 calendar days, unless an appeal has been filed.



APPEAL

Each party may appeal against the award within 30 calendar days after receipt of the award. ISF Arbitration Chamber organizes the process with 3 different arbitrators.

