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# **Lisbon Arbitration Centre - Rules for Appointment of Arbitrators**

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New Rules for the Appointment of Arbitrators of the Lisbon Commercial Arbitration Centre (2015)

I copy the recent announcement of the Lisbon Commercial Arbitration Centre:

"The Board of the Centre of Arbitration of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Commercial Arbitration Centre) has approved a set of rules regulating the appointment of arbitrators by the Chairman of the Centre or his substitute. See here the complete document containing the general principles, criteria and the description of the nomination process."

Here's the link:

[http://www.centrodearbitragem.pt/images/pdfs/Legislacao\\_e\\_Regulamentos/Critrios%20onomeao%20de%20orbitros.pdf](http://www.centrodearbitragem.pt/images/pdfs/Legislacao_e_Regulamentos/Critrios%20onomeao%20de%20orbitros.pdf)

Although the Portuguese version is the only available, an English version will certainly be available soon.

Short note on its main features:

- the parties are to participate in the selection proceedings;
  
- if one of the parties is not Portuguese, the Centre must take into account the principle of neutrality and grant the parties the chance to appoint a single arbitrator or a presiding arbitrator of a "third" nationality;
  
- in cases of small amounts in dispute, the Centre shall appoint, in principle, "junior" arbitrators;
  
- the members of the Board of Directors of the Centre must not be appointed unless one or both parties so require;
  
- independence, impartiality and availability are paramount principles when selecting an arbitrator, although qualifications criteria are admitted;
  
- No IBA "red list" situation will be admitted;
  
- the arbitrator must have attended a training program certified and carried out by the CAC Lisbon (this year the Centre will hold the 3rd Intensive Course);
  
- the Arbitrator's CV must be accessible at the CAC website;
  
- Procedural rules were also set forth.

In the meantime, this initiative is to be highlighted as a step in the right direction!

And -- last but not least -- congrats to José-Miguel Júdeice and his Team at the CAC Lisbon.

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Thank you Duarte. The english version will be available soon