




**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
QSAT EMERGENCY PROVISIONS
VALID FROM 21 MARCH 2020**



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Article (1): Scope of Application

- 1.1 The following Emergency Provisions shall apply to QSAT Rules and to all pending cases before the QSAT and to any cases commencing during the implementation of the measures issued by the government of the State of Qatar to address the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). These provisions will be reviewed from time to time and further decrees may be issued if the situation continues or changes or if there is a necessity. .

Article (2): Time Limits

- 2.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, with the exception of the time limit for any Notice of Appeal, any request for a first extension of time of a maximum of 2 weeks can be decided by the Secretary General without consultation with the other party or parties.

Article (3): Notices and Communications

- 3.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, all notices and communications including the Notice of Arbitration and Notice of Appeal and all related statements shall be deemed properly served if sent via email without the need of submitting written copies.

Article (4): Hearings

- 4.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, all hearings will be suspended until further notice. In case the Panel deems it necessary to hold a hearing, then it shall be conducted through electronic telecommunication if possible, which shall include witness and expert
- 4.2 In the event of postponing the hearing, all time limits related thereto shall be extended until QSAT offices are reopened.

Article (5): Award

- 5.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, awards shall be issued in writing and signed electronically. The General Secretariat shall notify the parties of the award via email, which shall be deemed enforceable from the date of that email.

Article (6): Email

- 6.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, email shall be the only communication medium. All other mediums and their effects shall be suspended.

Article (7): General Provision

- 7.1 For the period of the Emergency Provisions implementation, any provision contrary to the provisions stipulated in this resolution shall be suspended.

Article (8): Effective Date

- 8.1 This decision shall come into force from the date of its issuance until 31 December 2022.



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