



Dispute Resolution With Regards to Civil Engineering Contracts in the UAE

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What happens when a major dispute arises in a civil engineering contract? Answer: the parties start arguing and turn to the arbitration clause in the Contract as a means to resolve the dispute. However, it seems that very few of the parties in the contracting industry really understand arbitration clauses in contracts, how they operate and what is expected of an arbitrator; even though disputes that go to arbitration usually involve sums of money which affect the well-being of the disputants and/or their companies. The aim of this article is to give insight into arbitration in UAE.

FIDIC Conditions of Contract for Works of Civil Engineering, 4th Edition 1987

Amended forms of this Contract are now being used in the UAE, so an explanation of the arbitration clauses in the original Form has been included below.

Clause 67 Settlement of Disputes is the relevant clause and consists of 4 sub-clauses:

- Sub-Clause 67.1 Engineer's Decision**
- Sub-Clause 67.2 Amicable Settlement**
- Sub-Clause 67.3 Arbitration**
- Sub-Clause 67.4 Failure to Comply with Engineer's Decision**