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NEW SARAJEVO RULES IN FORCE SINCE 14 MAY 2025

Abstract: *The subject of this paper is the new Sarajevo Rules of 2025, adopted by the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with particular emphasis on the most significant innovations and their harmonization with contemporary international arbitration standards. The paper analyses the key procedural innovations introduced by the new Sarajevo Rules and compares them with the previous arbitration framework, highlighting the increasing importance of efficiency, flexibility, and modernization of arbitration proceedings. Special attention is devoted to the digitalization of arbitration, including electronic communication, online hearings, and the use of modern technologies aimed at increasing procedural efficiency and reducing the duration and costs of proceedings. Furthermore, the paper examines the provisions relating to interim measures, expedited arbitration proceedings, multi-party disputes, as well as the role and powers of the arbitral tribunal. The analysis also includes the regulation of arbitral awards. The new Sarajevo Rules represent an important step toward harmonizing domestic arbitration practice with leading international arbitration institutions and contemporary trends in international commercial arbitration. In conclusion, the adoption of the new Rules contributes to strengthening legal certainty, improving procedural efficiency, and increasing the attractiveness of arbitration as an alternative method of dispute resolution in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

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