



مركز الإمارات للتحكيم البحري
Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre

About Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (EMAC):

In response to the rapid expansion of maritime activities within the Middle East, the UAE has continued its ambitions of development into one of the largest maritime hubs. The range of maritime services required to fulfil such goals includes the availability of a specialised maritime arbitration and mediation establishment.

As a result, the Emirates Maritime Arbitration Centre (EMAC) was established in accordance with an Emiri decree by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai in April 2016, with a formal launch of its services in November of the same year. Based out of Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), EMAC has its own legal identity and is financially and administratively independent.

Impartial and transparent, EMAC works with organisations across the region, providing services for resolving maritime disputes through arbitration, mediation and alternative dispute resolution processes. As the first and only maritime arbitration Centre established in the MENA region, EMAC aims to position itself as a Centre of excellence for maritime dispute resolution, adhering to best practices in-line with international standards.

EMAC has its own set of modern arbitration and mediation rules based on UNCITRAL, an internationally recognised standard. EMAC rules aim to enable parties to settle maritime disputes effectively and efficiently, by allowing for emergency and fast-track arbitration, meeting market demand and addressing the sector's need for fast and efficient dispute resolution.

The Centre's members unite the maritime industry with an experienced body of arbitrators, mediators and experts who specialise in a wide range of maritime related fields and practices in jurisdictions across the world. Due to the UAE's central location, EMAC now fills the geographic void with the Centre catering solely to maritime arbitration within the region.

Taking into consideration the trials and errors of global best practices, EMAC has developed its own set of rules and practices to the benefit of disputing parties. Designed as a hybrid form of ad-hoc and institutional arbitration, EMAC gives parties the option to agree to use the Centre before or after the dispute occurs and allows them to source interim measures, where required. Furthermore, the Centre's fast-track arbitration process allows for expedited tribunals. More importantly, EMAC aims to embrace the digital age by enhancing its services through an electronic platform.

By establishing a trusted global standard for maritime arbitration services in the UAE, EMAC aims to promote awareness of local, regional and international dispute resolution best practices, to further support the UAE as it develops into a world-renowned maritime destination.

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