

## **International Seed Federation Arbitration Process**

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The ISF arbitration process begins when one party completes the [Agreement to Arbitrate Dispute Claim Form](#). (A) and submits to the Canadian Seed Trade Association with the filing fee and a deposit. (B) (Other [fees](#) apply depending on complexity of the case)

Both parties have an opportunity to submit evidence and respond before the information is turned over to the Arbitrators. There are typically three arbitrators, one chosen by the applicant one by the defendant and the final one chosen by the Arbitration Chamber.

The Arbitrators may make a decision based solely on the documentation received or the parties could opt for a Participatory Hearing where each party appears before the arbitrators who study the evidence, makes a decision and issues an award.

The arbitration decision or "award" is binding.