

Sultanati Decree No. 3/2007 Amending Some Provisions of the Law of Arbitration in Civil and Commercial Disputes Promulgated by Sultanati Decree No. 47/1997

We, Kabous Ben Saïd, Sultan of Oman,

In view of the Fundamental Law of the State issued by Royal Decree N° 101/96;

And the Royal Decree N° 47/97 issuing the Arbitration Law in civil and commercial disputes;

And the Law of Judiciary issued by Royal Decree No 90/99;

And the Code of Civil and Commercial Procedure issued by Royal Decree No 29/2002;

And due to the requirement of general interest,

Decree the following,

Article (1): The following amendments shall be made to the Arbitration Law aforementioned.

Article (2): All provisions contrary to this Decree are repealed.

Article (4): This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as of the day following the date of its publication.

Kabous Ben Saïd

Sultan of Oman

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First

Paragraph 2 of Articles (4) and (54) shall be replaced by the following provisions:

Article (4) paragraph 2: “Arbitral Tribunal” shall mean the panel formed of one or more arbitrator in order to settle the dispute referred to arbitration. The “Court” is the competent court of first instance or the competent court of appeals, as the case may be.

Article (54) paragraph 2: The competent court of appeals referred to in Article 9 of this Law shall have jurisdiction over recourse to annulment.

Second

Article 9 of the Arbitration Law in civil and commercial disputes shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“The court originally having jurisdiction according to the Law of the Judiciary shall be competent to settle all arbitration matters referred by this Law to the Omani judiciary. In international commercial arbitration, whether held in Oman or abroad, the Muscat Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction in this respect.”

Third

The expression “President of the Commercial Court” shall be replaced by “President of the competent court of appeals” in all the provisions of the Arbitration Law in civil and commercial disputes, except in Articles (37) and (56) where the expression “President of the Commercial Court” is replaced by “President of the competent court of first instance.”