

# KLUWER ARBITRATION

A full text database of primary and secondary materials relating to commercial arbitration, including conventions, legislation, case law and journal articles.

The screenshot shows the Kluwer Arbitration website interface. A navigation bar at the top includes links for Home, Browse categories, Books, Journals, New on the Site, and Blog. A 'Welcome to Kluwer Arbitration' message is displayed, along with a 'Browse categories' section listing: BITS, Conventions, Countries, NY Convention Decisions, Legislation, Organizations, and Rules. A search bar is located on the right, with a 'FIND' button and a link to 'advanced search'. Below the search bar is an 'ITA Report' section with a 'SUBSCRIBE' button. The main content area features 'Latest news and blog posts' with several article titles and authors. Callout boxes with red arrows point to specific elements: one points to the 'Browse categories' list, another to the 'BITS' option, a third to the 'Organizations and Countries' options, and a fourth to the 'advanced search' link.

There are 5 main categories of documents. BITS, Conventions, NY Convention Decisions, Legislation, and Rules, See below for further details.

“BITS” – use this option to determine whether there is a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between any two ICSID contracting states

Organizations and Countries provide alternative routes to the database materials. See below for further details.

You can create a simple or advanced search by clicking here. Alternatively, simply browse the categories.

## Five main categories of documents

**Conventions:** this section lists the most important conventions relating to arbitration, for instance, the 1961 European Convention (Geneva).

**Legislation:** this category provides the text of laws for key countries. Old versions which are no longer applicable may still be included if they are useful for research.

**Rules:** this category is subdivided into Rules of International Institutions and Rules of Regional (including National) Institutions.

**Case law:** there is a division between Court Decisions (further subdivided by the jurisdiction upon which the Court Decision is based) and Awards (further subdivided according to the institution whose rules apply to the award).

**Commentary:** contains journal articles and book chapters. This category is divided into Commentary – full text and Commentary – bibliographic. The bibliographic commentaries will provide bibliographic references but may not

necessarily contain links to the full text.

## Alternative routes to the database materials

**Organizations:** directories of multilateral and national institutions. Where relevant, links to rules and awards are provided.

**Countries:** lists the conventions, national arbitration legislation, full text commentary, court decisions and organizations for each country.

## Advanced Search screen

You can refine your search by combining information in more than one field. Click on the down arrow and select “and”, “or” or “not” before the additional search fields.

If you limit your search to a particular organization, the search engine will find you all legal and case law documents issued by the organization selected. Please note that this search will not find documents about the selected organization.

By default, the search engine will search across all the various categories of material. However, if you wish, you can restrict your search by selecting a specific category of material from the Topics drop down menu (for instance, you can limit your search to court decisions only).

You can combine more than one keyword with the word “and”, for instance, shipping and anti-suit injunction.

Click on the down arrow to the right of the field to view the list of available countries. (If you type a letter on your keyboard when the dropdown list is opened, the list will skip directly to the first country starting with that letter.)

Click on the “?” buttons for online help.

The screenshot shows the Advanced Search interface with the following fields and annotations:

- Free text:** Contains the search query "shipping and anti-suit injunction". An annotation points to this field, stating: "You can combine more than one keyword with the word 'and', for instance, shipping and anti-suit injunction."
- and:** A dropdown menu next to the "Free text" field, with an annotation pointing to it: "You can refine your search by combining information in more than one field. Click on the down arrow and select 'and', 'or' or 'not' before the additional search fields."
- Words in title:** An empty search field.
- Author:** An empty search field.
- Date:** Fields for "From" and "To" with sub-fields for "dd", "mm", and "yy".
- Country:** A dropdown menu with a down arrow. An annotation points to this arrow: "Click on the down arrow to the right of the field to view the list of available countries. (If you type a letter on your keyboard when the dropdown list is opened, the list will skip directly to the first country starting with that letter.)"
- Country Group:** A dropdown menu.
- Organization:** A dropdown menu.
- Source:** A dropdown menu.
- Party:** An empty search field.
- Topic:** A dropdown menu. An annotation points to it: "By default, the search engine will search across all the various categories of material. However, if you wish, you can restrict your search by selecting a specific category of material from the Topics drop down menu (for instance, you can limit your search to court decisions only)."
- Text Type:** A dropdown menu.
- Applied legislation/group:** A dropdown menu.
- Buttons:** There are two blue buttons with a question mark "?" on the right side of the form. An annotation points to one of them: "Click on the '?' buttons for online help."
- Find Button:** An orange button with a magnifying glass icon and the word "FIND" in white.