The Vienna Rules
A Commentary on International Arbitration in Austria

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This authoritative commentary examines the new Vienna Rules and the Austrian Arbitration Act that both came into effect on 1 July 2006 as the result of a major reform. The authors’ expert guidance proceeds in conformance with international practice, reconciling approaches adopted in both common law and civil law traditions. It provides the reader with a framework, and specific instruments, to negotiate arbitrations effectively and ensure that the process remains predictable, expeditious and fair. Drawing on extensive research into the practice of the International Arbitral Centre in Vienna, as well as on case law, academic writing, and the Act’s legislative history, this book will be of great value to corporate counsel, international lawyers, and arbitrators working in either civil law or common law frameworks, as well as to students of dispute resolution.

‘The book makes an important contribution to international arbitration in Austria and Central Europe. It is not only the most comprehensive commentary of the Vienna Rules available, it is also an authoritative guide to Austrian arbitration law and, what is more, a modern textbook on the practice of arbitration. The authors do not shy away from addressing the more challenging issues of procedure that counsel or arbitrators face, and make even difficult issues highly accessible. For anyone engaged in arbitration in Austria, this book is a must.’

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This article reviews the Handbook Vienna Rules: a Practitioner's Guide (VIAC 2014). After a brief overview of the evolving landscape of international arbitration and the role of arbitral institutions, the article discusses the Handbook and the main features of the 2013 Vienna Arbitration Rules. Written by a group of the most distinguished Viennese and German arbitration practitioners, the Of the various languages in which the Vienna Rules were translated, the English and German versions are the only official texts. VIAC Arbitration and Mediation Rules 2018 2nd edition (April 2020). Index. Part I rules of arbitration. General provisions. Article 1 Competence of the VIAC and applicable version of the Vienna Rules. Article 2 Board. Article 3 International Advisory Board. A new version of the VIAC Rules of Arbitration and Mediation entered into force on 1 January 2018 (â€œVienna Rules and Vienna Mediation Rules 2018â€œ [VR and VMR]). This version was approved by the Extended Presiding Committee of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber on 29 November 2017. It applies to all proceedings that commenced after 31 December 2017 or will commence in the future. The Rules of procedure for both the Montreal Protocol and the Vienna Convention are substantially the same except for Rules 1 and 2 which are printed separately. Elsewhere in these Rules, specific reference to the Vienna Convention is indicated in brackets at each respective place. Purposes Rule 1. These rules of procedure shall apply to any meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer convened in accordance with article 11 of the Protocol. [Vienna Convention. The latter tribunal shall conduct the proceedings in accordance with the rules of arbitration for the Permanent Arbitral Tribunals of the regional economic chambers. 8. 6. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted at the seat of the Centre in Vienna. Nevertheless, the parties can agree that the proceedings be conducted at a different place.”) 9. *) Amendment by decision of the General Assembly of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber on 9 Juny 1999. 10.