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SWISS RULES

Expedited Procedure

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The Swiss Rules

- Swiss Chambers of Commerce
- Enacted in 2004 and revised in 2012
- In line with practice needs: e.g.
 - Joinder and consolidation
 - Emergency arbitrator
 - Expedited procedure

When does it apply?

(i) Parties' agreement

(ii) Up to CHF 1Mio

(Swiss Rules, Art. 42)

FEATURES

- Only one exchange of written submissions
- Only one hearing
- Award within six months
- Award in a summary form
- Amount up to CHF 1 Mio: sole arbitrator

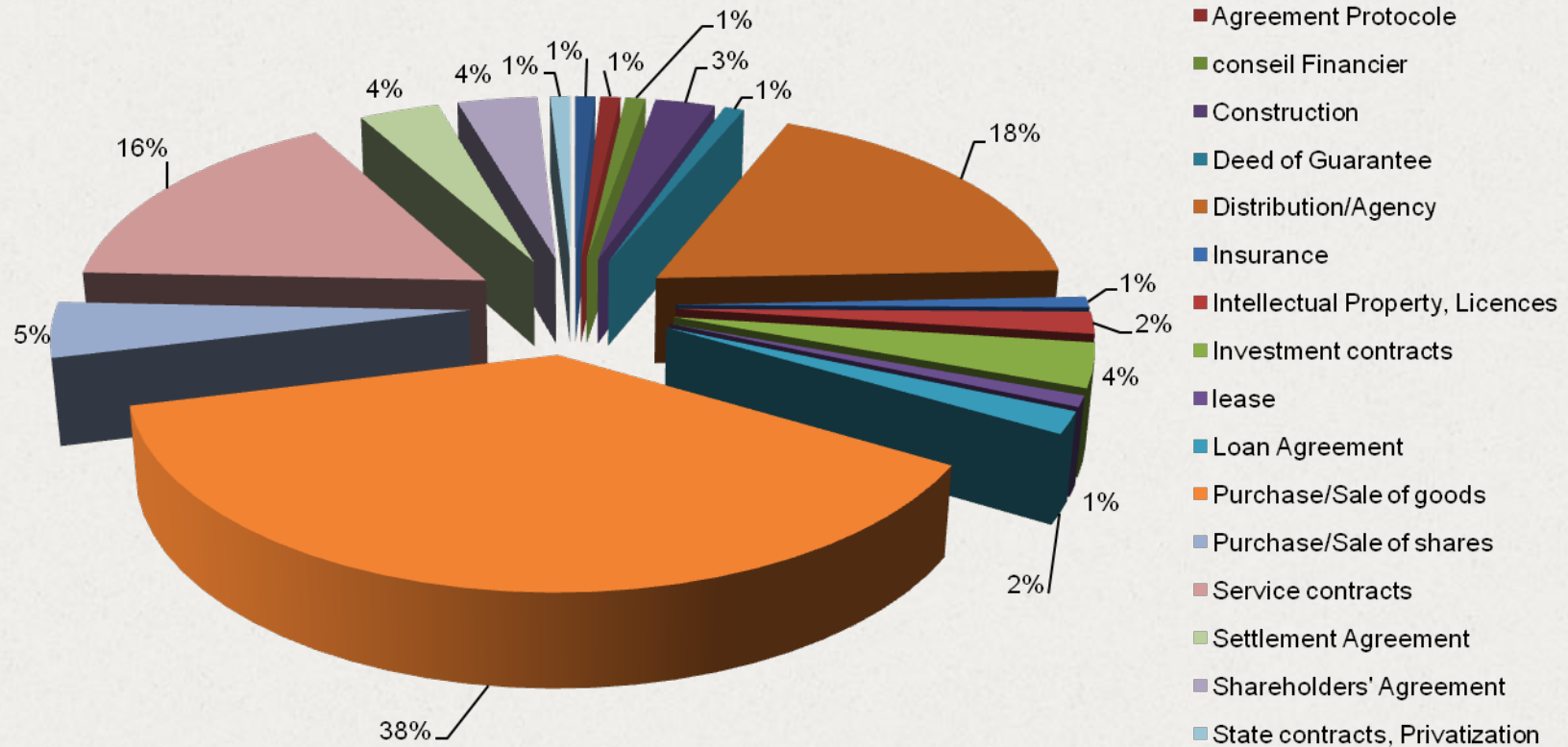
WAY OUT

- Agreed opting out
- Court's decision for cases up to CHF 1 Mio
- Extension of the six-month period by the Court in exceptional circumstances

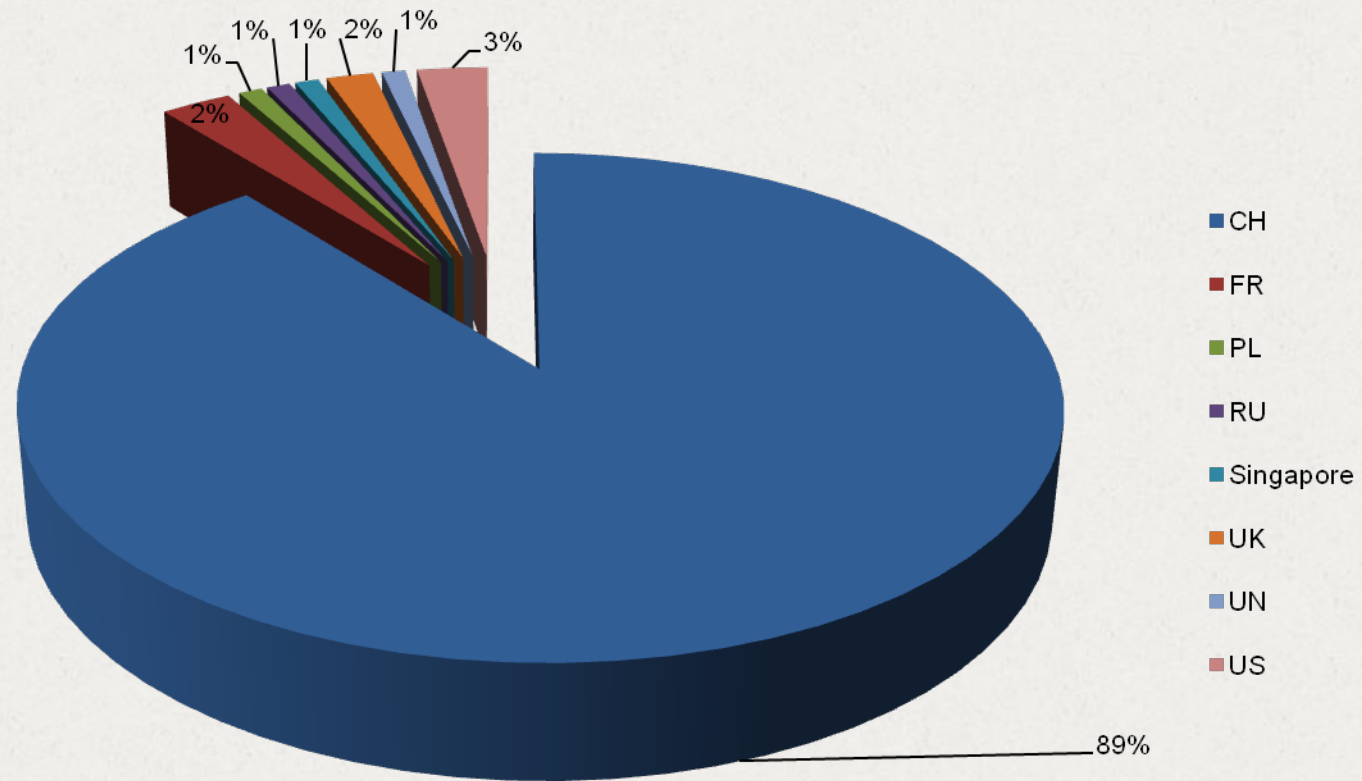
IN PRACTICE

- It works
- 38% of Swiss Rules Cases (from 2004 to 2013)

Contracts



Applicable law



HURDLES

From **counsel's** perspective

- Mobilizing Client's team
- Managing expert under time pressure
- Claimant's counsel: early start
- Respondent's counsel: overweight SoC

From **arbitrators'** perspective

- To accept and convince that expedited procedure is not a standard procedure which must be cut short
- To preserve a sufficient time slot for the award



- To preserve the six-month period
- To limit the workproduct to an expedited-procedure award



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THANK YOU