

SCL MEDIATION SCHEME

MODEL CLAUSE

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If not resolved by negotiation, the parties agree to mediate any disputes relating to this agreement under the Society for Computers and Law Mediation Scheme (the "Scheme"). Any party to this agreement may initiate mediation under the Scheme by writing via email to the Mediation and Adjudication Officer of the Society for Computers and Law, copying all other parties to this agreement. The rules of the Scheme prevailing at the time of initiation shall apply to the mediation thereby initiated. Both rules and the email address for the Mediation and Adjudication Officer are available at https://www.scl.org/. Nothing in this clause prevents a party from commencing legal proceedings for the purposes of obtaining interim and/or final relief. However, if proceedings are commenced, the parties agree that as soon as practicable and without prejudice to a party's ability to obtain any urgent relief: (1) this clause will be brought to the attention of the relevant legal or decision-making authority; and (2) the parties will each use reasonable endeavours to obtain a stay for mediation under the Scheme.

[Incorporation of a Model Clause into a contract is not mandatory and should be done with the benefit of independent advice. Ad hoc referrals to the SCL Mediation Scheme are also welcome.]