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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5 October 2020 and assented to by the President on 5 November 2020:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 32 of 2020.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
5 November 2020.



An Act to amend the International Arbitration Act (Chapter 143A of the 2002 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the International Arbitration (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 9A

2. Section 9A of the International Arbitration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “an arbitration with” in subsection (1), the words “2 parties and”;
- (b) by deleting the words “days of” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “days after”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “arbitrators” in the section heading, the words “in arbitration with 2 parties”.

New section 9B

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 9A, the following section:

“Default appointment of arbitrators in arbitration with 3 or more parties

9B.—(1) Notwithstanding Article 11(3) of the Model Law, in an arbitration with 3 or more parties and 3 arbitrators —

- (a) the claimant, or all the claimants by agreement if there is more than one claimant, must appoint an arbitrator on or before the date of sending of the request for the dispute to be referred to arbitration and inform the respondent or respondents of the appointment on the date when the request for the dispute to be referred to arbitration is sent to the respondent or respondents;
- (b) the respondent, or all the respondents by agreement if there is more than one respondent, must appoint an arbitrator and inform the claimant or claimants of the appointment within 30 days after the date of receipt of