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<i>History</i>	2017-2017	Louis Dreyfus Company Portugal
	2004-2017	Acembex - Comércio e Serviços Lda
	2004-2004	Carmona - GGRP, SA
	2002-2004	Efacec Energia

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications • Quality and Food Safety

Languages English, Portuguese, Spanish

Activities Over 20 years' experience in:

- Trading commodities and grain
- Contract negotiation and execution (shipping and letter of credit)
- Quality and food safety

Commodities Wheat, corn, barley, rice, other grains, soyabeans and other oilseeds, feed meals



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<i>Employment History</i>	2010-Present	Posco International Corporation, Korea
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• LL.B.(Korea), LL.M.(USA)	
<i>Languages</i>	English, Korean	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-house legal counsel• Advice on wide range of international trade, such as contracts, letter of credit, shipping and insurance• Arbitration handling (Gafta, ICC, LCIA, KCAB, SIAC, CIETAC, SIETAC, AAA, VIAC)	

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<i>History</i>	2018-2021	Posco International America Corporation
	2013-2017	Posco Daewoo Corporation
	2008-2012	Daewoo China Corporation
	1998-2007	Daewoo Corporation

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, Korean, Chinese

Activities Over 20 years' experience in:

- Trading commodities and grain
- Contract negotiation and execution (shipping and letter of credit)
- Hedging funds and cash position

Commodities Corn, sorghum, wheat, soybean, soybean meal, and PKE



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<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accredited Mediator, CEDR• Member & Arbitrator, FOSFA, London• Member, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London• Expert, Dubai International Arbitration Centre, Dubai• Member, FICCI Arbitration and Conciliation Tribunal (FACT), New Delhi• Member, Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi
<i>Languages</i>	English, Hindi
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chartered Accountant• Cost Accountant• Agreements/Contracts• Arbitration• Mediation• Finance• Insurance• Administration• Delivering lectures on arbitration• Honorary Patron, India Pulses and Grain Association, Mumbai
<i>Commodities</i>	Rice, wheat, barley, peas, corn, pulses, sugar, soybean, mustard, rapeseed, oilseeds, oils



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<i>Employment</i>	2014-Present	Arbitrating full time
<i>History</i>	2000-2014	Commodity Trade Consultant, part time Arbitrator
	1988-2000	Sucre Export London Ltd, Commodity Trader
	1978-1988	London Overseas Sugar Co Ltd, Freight Trader
	1975-1978	Matheson Chartering Ltd, Shipbroker
	1969-1975	Cunard Shipping Group, Navigator
<i>Arbitration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma	
<i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chartered Arbitrator, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London• Arbitrator at FOSFA, LMAA, LCIA, MMTA	
<i>Languages</i>	English	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 30 years' experience as a physical/futures commodity and freight trader for soft commodities and edible oils primarily to developing countries• Previously served in the Merchant Navy as a navigator and as a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange• Dealing with procurement and design for flour mills, pasta plants and sugar refineries	
<i>Commodities</i>	Rice, sugar, wheat, edible oils, grains, feed stuff, pulses	



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Employment 2006-Present Cefetra
History

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Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
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Languages English



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History

1995-2009 Africom Lda

1988-1995 Sujata Data Prod

1985-1988 Lawrence & Mayo (I) Ltd

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

*Qualifications**Languages*

Bengali, English, Hindi, Portuguese

Activities

- Arbitration
- Contracts
- Financing
- Grain Trading
- Logistics

Commodities

Rice, Sugar, Wheat, Maize, Soybeans, Soya meals



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Employment

2012-Present Bunge India Pvt Ltd

History

2010-2012 Adani Wilmar Pte Ltd

2006-2010 Adani Wilmar Ltd

2005-2006 Karvy Comtrade Ltd

Arbitration

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*Qualifications**Languages*

English

Activities

- Arbitration
- Trading
- Risk Management



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- Appeal Board Arbitrator

Employment

2006-Present SGS Group Management, Geneva

History

1995-2006 SGS Benelux, Antwerp

1991-1995 Baisco/BMM (grain trading)

1989-1991 Borlim (grain brokerage)

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

Dutch, English, French

Activities

- Trading & Brokerage
- Contracts
- Superintending
- Sampling and testing
- Weight, quality and condition issues
- Food and feed safety
- International contaminant legislation

Commodities

Grains, pulses, oilseeds, feedstuff



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<i>Employment</i>	2019-Present	Consulting/Self employed (Canada)
<i>History</i>	2011-2019	President/CEO ILTA Grain Inc
	2010-2011	Consulting/Project Development
	1990-2010	Finora Canada Ltd, President/CEO
	1989-1990	Elders Grain Canada-CFO
	1983-1989	CSP Foods/Balfour Grain

Languages English

Activities

- Chartered Accountant – CPA (Canada, US)
- Trading, execution, insurance, shipping
- Administration, finance, banking, LC's
- Dispute resolution, mediation, settlements
- Arbitration, appeals
- CSCA Rules/Arbitration Panel
- Member Gafta Pulse committee

Commodities Grain, pulses, oilseeds, meal, oils, softs



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Employment History 2021-Present Self employed in trading food & feedstuff
1998-2021 Shemen Industries Limited

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, French, Hebrew

Activities • Trade and contract negotiations and execution
• Managing the arbitrations process
• Charter party negotiations and fixing
• Hedging futures and cash positions

Commodities Soybeans, vegetable oils, feedstuffs, pulses

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	2021-Present	Management Consultant, Four Aces Consultancy DMCC Dubai
	2011-2021	Risk Management Director, Midstar Management Ltd, Dubai
	2010-2011	Grains & Oilseeds Marketing Manager, Noble Resources DMCC Dubai

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, Hindi

Activities

- Contract
- Supply Chain Management
- Shipping & Logistics
- Management Consultancy
- Risk Management

Commodities Grains, animal feedstuff, oilseeds, rice, sugar

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<i>History</i>	2012 – 2014	Louis Dreyfus Commodities Asia
	2012 – 2012	Philip Futures
	2009 – 2012	Louis Dreyfus Commodities Asia

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, Chinese

Activities

- Contracts
- Execution
- Futures Trading
- Letter of Credit
- Documentation

Commodities Grains, animal feedstuff



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<i>History</i>	2012-2014	Seta Ulus. Den. Ve Tic. Ltd. Sti
<i>Arbitration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualified FOSFA Arbitrator	
<i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LMAA Supporting Member	
<i>Languages</i>	Turkish, English, French (basic/intermediate)	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basel Winter Arbitration School 2024• Swiss Arbitration Academy 2019-2020• PG Diploma in International Maritime Law 2020-2022	
<i>Commodities</i>	Grains, meals, oilseeds and vegoils	



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<i>Employment</i>	2014-Present	J Cowens Associates
<i>History</i>	2009-2014	Scottish Agriculture College
	2004-2009	Home Grown Cereal Authority HGCA
	2000-2003	Centaur Grain Ltd
	1996-2000	Lingrain
	1983-1996	Mardorf Peach & Co Ltd
	1979-1983	RHM Agriculture

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Languages English

Activities 30 year experience:

- Trading
- Chartering vessels
- Financing
- Shipping documentation
- Storage

Commodities Wheat, barley, malting barley, corn, soyabeans, oils



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Employment

2012-Present

Self-Employed

History

2011-2012

Novel Management Services SA

1999-2011

Novel Commodities SA

1997-1999

C.I.C. SA

1993-1997

Inglewood Gestion SA

1983-1993

Cargill International SA, Geneva

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Post Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law
- Master of Laws (LLM Maritime Law)

Languages

English, French

Activities

- Independent Trade consultant
- Arbitrator
- Mediator

Commodities

Barley, malting barley, rice, wheat, corn, sugar, feed
by-products, soybeans, oils



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Employment

2010-Present Self-Employed

History

2010-2013 Marvesa UK Ltd
2000-2010 Itochu Europe Plc
1991-1999 Group Export
1989-1991 Elders IXL
1980-1989 C. Itoh & Co Ltd

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Languages

English

Activities

- All aspects of commodity disputes at both first and second tiers
- Trade representative for matters including contracts, shipping, quality & condition, insurance, finance



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<i>History</i>	2008-2021	Holbud Limited
	2000-2008	Candura, Rio De Janerio
	1998-2000	Simab, Rio De Janeiro
	1988-1998	Group Export, Antwerp, London Branch

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Languages English, Portuguese

Activities

- Execution
- Trading
- Chartering and post fixture
- Bulk and containerised cargoes
- Letters of credit
- Collections
- Insurance
- Arbitration

Commodities Sugar, rice, beans, grains, veg oils



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Employment

2023-Present Arbitrator & Independent Consultant

History

2022-2023 Vitterra

2012-2022 Bunge

2007-2012 Fatoglu Group

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- FOSFA Arbitrator
- LMAA Supporting Member
- Appeal Board Arbitrator at FOSFA

Languages

English, Turkish

Activities

- Arbitration
- Trade Operation and Contract negotiation
- Freight Trade and C/P negotiation
- Dry / Tanker Vessel Chartering

Commodities

Grain, meals, oilseeds, oil products, sugar, pulses, rice



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	2009-2015	Provimi/Cargill Animal Nutrition
	2002-2008	Rabobank International
	1998-2002	Nutreco
	1991-1998	Cargill
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Arbitrator at Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité), Rotterdam• Arbitrator at Federation of Cocoa Commerce, London	
<i>Languages</i>	Dutch, English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish	
<i>Activities</i>	25+ years' experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trading• Chartering• Financing• Shipping documentation• Storage• Supply chain management• Risk management advisory and management	
<i>Commodities</i>	Rice, wheat, barley, corn, pulses, sugar, cocoa, soybeans, rapeseed, and sunflower seeds	



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Employment

1987-Present

Comex McKinnon Ltd

History

1982-1987

Comex Grain

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

*Qualifications**Languages*

English

Activities

- Trading
- Shipping
- Contracts
- Finance
- Charterparties
- Insurance



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Employment

2018-Present Tradaide

History

2016-2018 Integrites International Law Firm
2012-2016 Clyde & Co LLP
2009-2011 Hammonds LLP
2006-2009 AGA Partners Law Firm
2003-2006 Ramburs/United Grain

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Non-practising barrister (England and Wales)
- Certificate in Negotiation/Leadership, Harvard Negotiation Project
- LLM in International Commercial Law
- FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages

English, Russian, Ukrainian

Activities

- Contracts
- Arbitration, mediation/other forms of dispute resolution
- Negotiation and conflict/risk management
- Training
- Trade representation/advocacy
- Case handling

Commodities

Grain, oilseeds, pulses



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<i>History</i>	2010-2018	Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse SA
	2007-2010	HFW
	2005-2007	Burges Salmon
	2003-2005	White and Case
	2000-2003	Herbert Smith

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, French

Activities

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Employment

2007-Present Self-Employed

History

2002-2007 Inter Eltra

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- LL.M in International Trade Law
- FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages

English, French, German

Activities

- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Consultancy
- Trade Representation



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<i>History</i>	2012 – 2012	Marex Spectron
	2010 – 2011	Credit Agricole CIB
	1997 - 2009	Macquarie Bank

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma (2023)
- Master of Applied Finance (2001)
- Graduate Diploma In Law (2017)
- Bar Professional Training Course (2019)

Languages English

Activities

- Barrister (unregistered)
- Arbitrator
- Trade Representative
- Commodity Derivatives Broker

Commodities

- Wheat, corn, rapeseed/canola, soybeans, soybean meal, soybean oil, rice, oats



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<i>History</i>	2021-2023	Bushman Organic Farms LLC
	2012-2020	Askagro Commodities Pvt Ltd
	2011-2012	Export Trading Group
	2010-2011	Delta Exports Pte Ltd
	2008-2010	Sara International Ltd
	2007-2008	Multicommodity Exchange of India
	2004-2007	Glencore Grain India

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications

Languages English, Hindi

Activities • Trading
• Broking
• Contract
• Member of Gafta's South East Asia Trade Committee

Commodities • Pulses, oilseed, grain, organic products



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<i>History</i>	1995-2018	Partner, Reed Smith (formerly Richards Butler)
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators• CEDR mediation qualification• FOFSA Arbitrator• LCIA panel	
<i>Languages</i>	English	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English qualified solicitor 1985 to 2019• Arbitrator under Gafta, FOSFA, LMAA, LCIA rules	
<i>Commodities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All soft commodities	



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	2000-2004	Otterboer/Otter Group, Rotterdam
	1998-2000	Tradeinvest, Nassau, Bahamas
	1989-1998	Alimenta, Rotterdam/Alimenta USA, Atlanta, USA
	1983-1989	Citco, Neth. Antilles/Baker&McKenzie, Amsterdam
	1980-1983	Kersten Hunik, line management, Rotterdam
	1977-1980	Kuehne & Nagel, Tehran, Iran
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators• FOSFA Appeal Board Arbitrator• LMAA Supporting Member	
<i>Languages</i>	Dutch, English, French, German, Spanish	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case management or Trade Representative Gafta, FOSFA, HWV, NOFOTA, NZV• Trade finance, insurance and chartering• Chartered Accountant – CPA (NBA, Netherlands)• Certified Tax Counsel – RB (RB, Netherlands)	
<i>Commodities</i>	Oilseeds, grains, feed ingredients, fishmeal, vegetable oils	

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Employment

2013-Present Terraxis SA

History

2009-2012 CHS Inc.

2005-2009 Noble Resources SA

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

- LMAA Supporting Member

Languages

English, French, Spanish

Activities

- Procurement & Price Risk Management
- CFR Trading Matrix
- Futures & Options Hedging
- Lecture in Basis Trading
- Arbitration & Mediation

Commodities

Wheat, corn, barley, meals, oilseeds, sugar



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Employment

2002-Present DLG a.m.b.a Denmark

History

2000-2002 Korn- og Foderstof Kompagniet A/S

1998-2000 Chr. Petersen A/S

1995-1998 Korn- og Foderstof Kompagniet A/S

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

Danish, English

Activities

- Execution
- Logistics
- Shipping
- Trading fishmeal
- Trading organic commodities and grain
- Chartering

Commodities

Soya bean meal, sunflower meal, rapeseed cakes, rape seed, yellow corn, organic grain, commodities, fishmeal, alfalfa



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	1984-2005	Korn-og Fodestof Kompagniet A/S
	1979-1984	Continental Grain
	1977-1978	A Hansen GmbH
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arbitrator at The Copenhagen Adjudication and Arbitration • Arbitrator The Federation of Oils, Seeds and Fats Associations Ltd • Arbitrator at Verein der Getreide Händler der Hamburger Börse e.V. • Arbitrator at Royal Dutch Grain and Feed Trade Association (Het Comité), Rotterdam • Arbitrator at The Danish Grain and Feed Trade Association • Appeal Committee member at FOSFA • Arbitrator at Global Pulses Confederation 	
<i>Languages</i>	Danish, English, German, Norwegian, Swedish	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispute resolution • Contracts • Trading • Shipping • Arbitration • Consultancy • Mediation • Sworn broker • State certified in Maritime Law • Representation 	
<i>Commodities</i>	Alfalfa, barley, corn, fishmeal, linseed, malt, malting barley, millet, oats, rapeseed, rice, rye, sorghum, soyabean, sugarbeet, sunflower, wheat	



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Employment History

2014-Present	Mcdonald Pelz Global Commodities Asia Pte Ltd
2013-2014	Olam International Limited
2007-2013	Cargill India Pvt Ltd

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, Hindi

Activities

- Technical Analyst CFTE
- ESG Investing – CFA Institute
- Trading
- Contracts
- Arbitration
- Negotiation
- Risk Management

Commodities

Wheat, corn, barley, rice, other grains



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<i>History</i>	2016-2017	Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse S.A.
	2015-2016	Nidera BV
	2012-2015	Bunge S.A.
	2012-2012	AHJ Solicitors
	2011-2012	Holman Fenwick Willan

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications • FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages English

Activities English qualified solicitor and non-practicing barrister. Advise on all contentious and non-contentious aspects of sale and purchase of soft commodities including all ancillary contracts and trade related finance; charterparty disputes and shipping matters; arbitrations and other litigation; sanctions and compliance. LLM International & Comparative Law



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<i>Employment History</i>	2011-Present	Bunge SA
	2003-2011	Cargill International SA
	2001-2003	Middleton Potts (Solicitors)
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Gafta Appeal Board Examination• FOSFA Arbitrator• Supporting Member LMAA	
<i>Languages</i>	English, French	
<i>Activities</i>	English Qualified Solicitor. Advising on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All areas of commodity trading and shipping (physical and financial) including all disputes (arbitration/ litigation), charterparties, bills of lading, Laytime/demurrage etc• General Commercial and corporate law, including contracts• Mergers and acquisitions/ Joint-ventures• Financial services & Finance (LCs, finance agreements)• Insurance	
<i>Commodities</i>	Grains, feedstuffs, oils, oilseeds, pulses, fertilisers, sugar, other soft commodities	



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Employment

2016-Present Consultant and Arbitrator

History

1997-2016 Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse SA

1993-1997 Truxo

1988-1992 V Berg & Sons Ltd

1980-1988 Corrie Maccoll & Sons

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

- FOSFA Arbitrator and Appeal Panel member
- LMAA Supporting member

Languages

English

Activities

- Administration
- Documentation
- L/C's
- Logistics
- Insurance
- Freight
- Arbitration



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Employment

2024-present ED&F Man Commodities

History

2017-2024 COFCO International Limited

2006-2017 Noble Group Limited

2001-2006 Esso Petroleum Limited

1999-2001 Rayfield Mills

1997-1999 Pinsent Curtis

1991-1996 Royal Navy

Arbitration

Gafta Qualified Arbitrator

Qualifications

FOSFA arbitrator

Languages

English

Activities

- English qualified solicitor.
- Experienced in Gafta contracts' disputes.
- All types of commodity and shipping arbitration.
- Advises on all types of business contracts, including financing, joint ventures, M&A and commercial contracts.

Commodities

Grains, oilseeds, sugar, cotton, cocoa, oil, metals, freight, coal, gas and power

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<i>History</i>	2022-2024	POSCO International Italia SRL
	2020-2022	POSCO International Ukraine LLC.
	2014-2020	POSCO International Corp.
	2013-2014	Whanee Corp.
	2008-2012	OCI Corporation

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications

Languages English, Korean

Activities

- Trading
- Contracts
- Chartering
- Logistics and execution
- Future pricing and hedging

Commodities Corn, wheat, barley, and feed meals



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<i>Employment</i>	2021-Present	ADM WILD South-Eastern Europe LLC
<i>History</i>	2014-2021	ADM Hungary Agro Trading LLC
	2002-2014	Toepfer Hungary LLC
	1998-2002	Agrimpex Commodities Ltd
	1990-1998	Gabona Co Ltd
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma	
<i>Languages</i>	English, Hungarian	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trading• Contracts• Administration• Arbitration• All aspects of commodity disputes at both first and second tiers• Trade representative for matters including contracts, shipping, quality and condition, finance	



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Employment

2020-Present Viterra B.V.

History

1992-2020 Glencore Agriculture BV
1988-1992 Coceral

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

*Qualifications**Languages*

Dutch, English, French

Activities

- Manager legal department

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*Employment
History*

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*Arbitration
Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, French, Russian

Activities

- Drafting contracts
- Shipping requirements
- Execution of grain and feed contracts
- Legal counselling



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<i>Employment</i>	2023-Present	Independent Consultant
<i>History</i>	2011-2023	GTCS Trading DMCC
	2008-2011	SRC Trading SA
	2006-2008	Southern Raw Material Company

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- FOSFA
- LMAA

Languages English, Russian

Activities

- Trading
- Contracts
- Shipping
- Execution
- Chartering
- Arbitration

Commodities All soft commodities



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<i>Employment</i>	2017-Present	CAFI Commodity and Freight Integrators
<i>History</i>	2014-2017	Al Ghurair Resources LLC
	2012-2014	Agroglobe DOO, Novi Sad
	2009-2011	Agroinvest SA

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications • LCIA (London Court of International Arbitration) Member
• DIAC (Dubai International Arbitration Centre) Member

Languages English, Greek, Serbian

Commodities Grains, feedstuffs, oils, oilseeds, pulses

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<i>Employment</i>	2024-Present	Louis Dreyfus Company
<i>Employment</i>	2018-2024	Sierentz Global Merchants
	2010-2018	Louis Dreyfus Company

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, Hindi

Activities

- Trading
- Contracts
- Arbitration
- Negotiation
- Risk Management
- Futures and Options Hedging

Commodities Wheat, corn, barley, rice , soybeans, soymeal, pulses



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Employment

2010-Present SGS (Canada) Inc

History

2018-Present Everexcel Holdings (Canada) Inc (Consultant)

2002-2018 China Great International Co. Ltd

1997-2018 Everexcel Holdings (Canada) Inc

1994-2003 Gift Station SA

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

Languages

Cantonese, English, Mandarin

Activities

- Fumigation
- Trade contracts
- Trade representative

Commodities

Grain, oils, oilseeds, grain pellet

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<i>Employment</i>	2007-Present	Agrorodeo Ltd
<i>History</i>	2002-2007	Kesko Agro Lietuva
	1994-2001	JSC Kretingos Grudai

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, Russian

Commodities Grains, oilseeds

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Employment

1995-Present Cargill International S.A.

*History**Arbitration*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

*Qualifications**Languages*

English, French

Activities

- Contracts
- Letters of credit



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Employment History

2002-Present	Beijing Technology and Business University, Professor of International Trade Law and Practice
1991-2002	Commodity trading Contract & Arbitration Consultant China Cereals and Foodstuffs Import & Export Corp, Sales Manager

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- MCI Arb Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- CIETAC China International Economics and Trade Arbitration Commission Arbitrator
- FOSFA Arbitrator
- HKIAC Hong Kong International Arbitration Center Arbitrator
- Shanghai Arbitration Commission Arbitrator
- LCIA London Court of International Arbitration Arbitrator

Languages

English, Mandarin

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Employment 1990-Present Self-Employed

History 1975-1990 Louis Dreyfus Trading Ltd

Arbitration

- Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Qualifications

- City of London Poly, Grain & Grain Trade Course
- Gafta Maritime Arbitrators Exam
- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages English



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Employment

2017-2023 CJ International Italy S.P.A.

History

2009-2017 Nidera S.P.A.

2008-2009 Agrenco Italia

2000-2007 Bunge Italia

1994-1999 Saroc

1987-1992 Bfi Ibexsa

1979-1986 Compagnia Continentale Italiana

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

*Qualifications**Languages*

English, French, Italian

Activities

- More than 30 years in grains field
- Manager of execution department since 2000

Commodities

Corn, rice, soybean, sunflower, wheat

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<i>History</i>	2007-2017	China Agri-Industrials Holdings Ltd (Hong Kong Listed company)
	1995-2007	COFCO Corporation
<i>Arbitration</i> <i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• FOSFA Arbitrator• Singapore International Arbitration Center (SIAC)• Hong Kong International Arbitration Center (HKIAC)• China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)• China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC)• Beijing International Arbitration Center (BIAC)• Pacific International Arbitration Center (PIAC)	
<i>Languages</i>	Chinese, English	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualified lawyer in New York State, US and China• Experienced in Gafta arbitration including commodity contracts, charterparties, trade sanctions disputes• Experienced in dealing with large cross-border disputes	
<i>Commodities</i>	Grains (rice, wheat, corn, barley), oilseeds, feedstuffs	



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<i>History</i>	2010-2017	Nidera/Cofco Group
	2011-2012	St Andrew's University Law Faculty (Lecturer)
	2006-2008	National Commercial Court of Appeal (Argentina)
	2006-2007	Di Tella University Law Faculty (Lecturer)
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Gafta Appeal Board Examination• FOSFA Arbitrator (First-tier and Boards of Appeal)• LMAA Supporting Member• Magister Juris University of Oxford (with distinction)• Diploma in Maritime Law (London Metropolitan University and Lloyd's Maritime Academy)• CIArb Diploma in International Maritime Arbitration	
<i>Languages</i>	English and Spanish	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arbitrations• Commodity Contracts• Charter Parties• Bills of Lading• Execution• Trade representation in Gafta and FOSFA first-tier and appeal proceedings	
<i>Commodities</i>	Grains, feedstuffs, oils, oilseeds, pulses, fertilisers	

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- Appeal Board Arbitrator

Employment

2003-Present Arbi-Grain Ltd

History

1998-2003 Agrimpex Commodities Ltd
1990-1998 Gabona Co Ltd

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, Hungarian

Activities

- Arbitrations (Gafta and FOSFA)
- Case handling for all aspects of community disputes at both 1st and 2nd tiers
- Contracts
- Execution
- Futures trade



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Employment History

2014-Present	ADM Germany GmbH, Hamburg
1992-2014	Alfred C. Toepfer International GmbH, Hamburg

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- LMAA supporting member
- Postgraduate Diploma Maritime Law
- MICS Member Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
- Gafta Appeal Board Examination
- FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages English, German

Activities

- Contracts
- Shipping
- Arbitration
- Insurance
- Charterparties
- Laytime
- Handling of arbitrations and all type of commercial and maritime disputes
- Commodity trading, execution

Commodities Grain, feedstuffs, pulses, oils, oilseeds

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Employment 2024-Present Arbitrator

History 2020-2024 ADM Germany GmbH

2014-2020 ADM Trading Ukraine LLC

2005-2014 Alfred C. Toepfer International (Ukraine) LLC

2002 – 2005 Ukrelevatorprom LLC

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications • FOSFA Arbitrator

• Associate Member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK

Languages English, Ukrainian, Russian

Activities • Dispute resolution

• Contracts

• Trade execution & logistics

• Insurance

• Laytime & C/P

Commodities Grains, oilseeds, feedstuffs, pulses

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<i>History</i>	2022-2023	Quanton Commodities, London, UK
	2019-2022	Graincorp Europe, Hamburg, Germany
	2017-2019	Bunge, Hamburg, Germany
	2014-2017	ADM Germany, Hamburg, Germany
	2010-2014	Alfred C Toepfer International, Hamburg, Germany

Arbitration Qualifications • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, German, Polish, French

Activities

- Contracts
- Trade Execution
- Logistics
- Laytime
- Documentation
- Arbitration

Commodities Grains, feedstuffs, oilseeds, vegoils, sugar



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<i>History</i>	2004-2012	Bartholomews Agri Food Ltd
	2003-2004	Centaur Grain Ltd
	2001-2003	Soufflet Agriculture Ltd
	1993-2001	Dalgety Agriculture Ltd

Arbitration

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Supporting member - LMAA

Languages English

Activities

- Arbitration (AIC & FOSFA)
- Commodity contracts
- Shipping and charterparties
- Sale of goods
- Finance
- Trade representation



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<i>History</i>	2013-2015	Glencore Grain Italia Srl
	2012-2013	Viterra Srl
	2003-2011	Italgrani USA Inc

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- CACCS Genova Arbitrator
- AGER Bologna Arbitrator

Languages English, Italian

Activities

- FOB
- CIF contracts
- Maritime disputes at loading and discharge ports
- Disputes on documents presentations

Commodities Grains, oilseeds, derived

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- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator for Rules Nos 125 & 126

*Employment
History*

2006-Present Med Control Services, Greece

*Arbitration
Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, French, Greek

Activities

- Trading contracts
- Forwarding
- Shipping
- Chartering
- Insurance and arbitration
- Cargo quality & quantity issues
- Loss adjusting & cargo damages

Commodities

Grains: wheat, corn, barley, rye, rapeseed. Seeds: (organic) sunflower seeds, peanuts, sesame seeds, canola. Feedstuffs: fishmeal, groundnut cakes, tapioca, barley, corn, citrus meal pellets, palm kernel expellers, corn gluten, birdfeed. Containerised goods, pulses. Biomass: palm kernel expellers, wood pellets, groundnut hulls



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Panel Approval

- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator for Rules Nos 125 & 126
- Appeal Board Arbitrator

<i>Employment</i>	2013-Present	PEG Group
<i>History</i>	2011-2013	Gavilon Geneva Sarl
	2009-2011	PEG Group
	2005-2008	Webcor SA
	1997-2001	Decom SA
	1992-1997	Romak SA
	1988-1992	Foodline SA

Arbitration Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages English, French, German, Serbo-Croat

Activities

- Arbitrations and dispute prevention and management in trading and shipping
- Grain origination for PEG corn and wheat flour mills
- Project management



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Employment 2015-Present Bunge
History 2007-2015 Cargill

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications • Associate of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
• LLM in Corporate and Commercial Law from London
School of Economics and Political Science
• English Qualified Solicitor

Languages English, Ukrainian, Russian

Activities • Expertise in arbitration
• Commodity trading (physical and financial)
• Shipping
• Logistics

Commodities Grains, feedstuffs, oils, oilseeds, pulses, other soft
commodities



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- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator for Rules Nos 125 & 126
- Appeal Board Arbitrator

<i>Employment</i>	2009-Present	Self-Employed
<i>History</i>	1990-2009	Louis Dreyfus Trading Ltd
	1988-1990	V Berg & Sons Ltd
	1984-1988	European Grain & Shipping
	1983-1984	Interice
	1979-1983	Raphaely Trading UK Ltd
	1973-1978	Continental (London) Ltd

Arbitration

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Qualifications

- Gafta Maritime Arbitrators Exam
- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

Languages English, French, German

Activities

- Contracts
- Shipping
- Arbitration
- Insurance
- Charter Parties

Commodities Grain, oilseeds



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Employment

2020-Present Northstar Commodities

History

2010-2020 Hankkija

2000-2010 Kesko

1998-2000 MTT Agrifood Research Finland

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator

Languages

English, Finnish, Swedish

Activities

Expertise in arbitration, commodity trading and brokerage, shipping, multi-site supply chain issues

Commodities

Wheat (including durum), barley, oats, rye, corn, oilseeds, soybean meal, rapeseed meal, wheat bran, beans

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<i>Employment</i>	2022-Present	Self-employed
<i>History</i>	2021-2022	Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Fisheries
	2014-2020	Office des Cereals
	2013-2014	Office de l'Elevage et des Pâturages
	2012-2013	Ministry of Trade and Handicraft
	1983-2012	Office Des Cereals

Languages Arabic, English, French

Activities • Contracts and trade - cereals and soyabean meal pellets

Commodities Grain, soyabean



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Panel Approval

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- General Produce Rules of Arbitration and Appeal
- Appeal Board Arbitrator

*Employment
History*

1993-Present Virani Food Products Limited

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Languages

English

Activities

- 1st Tier and Appeal Board
- Tribunal Chair
- Sole Arbitrator
- Not a trade representative

Commodities

Cereals: wheat, rice, soya, corn/maize. Pulses: peas, beans, lentils, chick peas. Herbs, spices, essential oils, oleoresins. Other agri-produce.



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<i>Employment</i>	2023-Present	Montfort Trading (Switzerland) Sarl
	2018-2023	Avere Commodities SA
	2014-2018	Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse SA
	2012-2014	Aston FFI, Lausanne
	2011-2012	Alfred C. Toepfer International GmbH, Hamburg
	2007-2011	Alfred C. Toepfer International (Ukraine)
	2006-2007	UkrAgroConsult, Kyiv

Arbitration • FOSFA Arbitrator

Qualifications • LLM, International Commercial Law and Practice, The University of Edinburgh

Languages Ukrainian, Russian, English, French

Activities

- Trade Execution
- Contracts
- Letters of Credit
- Logistics
- Shipping
- Laytime
- Quality Manager for GMP+ and ISCC

Commodities Grains, Feedstuffs, Vegoils, Oilseeds



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- Appeal Board Arbitrator

Employment

2021-Present

Cotecna Inspection S.A.

History

2014-2020

ADM Germany GmbH

2002-2014

Alfred C Toepfer International GmbH

1996-2002

Alfred C Toepfer International SA

1992-1996

Alfred C Toepfer International GmbH

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- FOSFA Arbitrator and Appeal Panel member
- DAG Arbitrator and Appeal Panel member
- GROFOR Arbitrator

Languages

English, German, Spanish

Activities

- Contracts
- Documentation
- Arbitration
- Insurance
- Laytime

Commodities

Grains, feedstuffs, oilseeds, pulses



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- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator for Rules Nos 125 & 126

Employment History

2015-Present	Self-Employed
2000-2015	LATRAPS Co-operative Company
1998-2011	Lawyer

Arbitration Qualifications

- Master of Laws/International Commercial Law
- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
- Executive MBA in Shipping & Logistics (The Blue MBA)

Languages

English, German, Latvian, Russian

Activities

- Arbitration
- Consultancy & Training
- Trade Representation / trade, contract, execution, quality, condition, logistics, shipping, pricing, hedging

Commodities

Grain, oilseeds, pulses, feedstuff



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- Appeal Board Arbitrator

Employment

2013-Present Self-employed

History

2011-2013 Uljarice-Backa DOO
2010-2011 Glencore Grain Hungary
2007-2010 Granit Agriculture
2004-2007 Csuka Gabona
2003-2004 Umecos

Arbitration

Qualifications

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, Hungarian, Serbian

Activities

- Contracts and Pricing
- Trading
- Execution
- Shipping
- Dispute resolution
- Consultancy
- Representation Arbitration (FOSFA & Gafta)

Commodities

Grains, pulses, rapeseed, feedstuffs, oils, oilseeds, fertilisers



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Panel Approval

- Gafta Qualified Arbitrator for Rules Nos 125 & 126
- Appeal Board Arbitrator

<i>Employment</i>	2019-Present	GrainStream Sarl
<i>History</i>	2018-2019	Vicorus SA
	2013-2017	CBH Grain Pty Ltd
	2010-2013	CHS Europe SA Geneva
	2007-2009	Tradefield SA Geneva (Yug Rusi - Russia)
	2000-2007	Albion Trade London
	1997-2000	Matrix Trading Ltd UK /Russia /Poland
	1982-1997	Xcan Grain Europe Ltd London
	1980-1982	Northern Sales Ltd Canada
	1975-1980	Marpro Ltd London/USA
	1973-1975	TA JONES Ltd London

Arbitration

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Qualifications

Activities

- Trading in EU, CIS Countries, including Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other Black Sea Countries, Middle East, Africa, USA, Canada, Mexico, Argentina and Australia
- Contracts
- Arbitration management
- Shipping
- Freight management

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Employment

2012-Present Cargill International SA, Switzerland

History

2010-2012 Cargill Animal Nutrition, The Netherlands
1998-2010 Royal FrieslandCampina, The Netherlands

*Arbitration**Qualifications*

- Gafta Arbitrator Diploma

Languages

English, Dutch, French, German

Activities

- Trading, marketing, risk management, contract execution, financing and shipping in food grains, feed grains, oilseeds and vegetable oils

Commodities

Barley, canola, corn, corn gluten feed, distiller dried grains, durum wheat, feed wheat, feedingstuffs, oils, oilseeds, rapeseed, sorghum, soyabean, sunflower, wheat



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- Appeal Board Arbitrator

<i>Employment</i>	2022-Present	Still Grain Sarl
<i>History</i>	2021-2022	Rolweg S.A.
	2012-2020	Solaris Commodities SA
	2009-2012	Alegrow SA
	2003-2009	Agrico Trade & Finance SA
	2001-2003	Agrico Trade & Finance Ltd
	1999-2001	Agromarket UK Ltd

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications

Languages English, French, Italian, Russian

Activities

- Trader of grains from Black Sea
- Involved in the grain trade since 1999
- Trading, execution, contract drafting; insurance, freight
- Company Director, familiar with trade finance, banking, Letters of Credit
- Dispute resolution, Arbitration, Appeal Board hearings
- Public speaker at grain industry events / conferences

Commodities Barley, corn, wheat



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<i>Employment</i>	2016-Present	Director/Conifer Commodities Pvt Ltd
<i>History</i>	2012-2016	CEO Trading/Ruchi Soya Inds. Ltd
	2005-2011	Associate VP/Adani Wilmar Ltd
	2002-2005	GM/Ruchi Group
	1992-2002	AGM/SM Dyechem Ltd

Arbitration • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma
Qualifications • Associate Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
• Panel FOSFA Arbitrator

Languages English, Hindi

Activities • Consulting and advising clients in trading, structuring and risk management
• Vast experience in chartering/contracts
• Traded a variety of commodities globally
• Arbitration (Gafta & FOSFA)
• Preparation of Submissions as Trade Representative

Commodities Wheat, corn, rice, barley, pulses, lentils, sorghum, millets, oil seeds, oil meals etc.



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<i>Employment History</i>	2018-Present	Independent Consultant
	2015-2018	Control Union (UK) Ltd.
	2011-2015	Daudruy Van Cauwenberghe et Fils
	2008-2011	Nidera Handelscompagnie BV.
	2005-2008	Itochu Europe Plc.
	1995-2005	Gardner Smith (S E Asia) Pte Ltd.
	1992-1995	Nidera Handelscompagnie BV.
	1990-1992	Mindo Resources Ltd.
	1986-1990	Woodhouse Drake & Carey Ltd.
	1976-1986	Marpro Ltd.
<i>Arbitration Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gafta Arbitrator Diploma 	
<i>Languages</i>	English	
<i>Activities</i>	<p>All aspects of the global commodity markets, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash trading • Risk management • Chartering • Contracts • Shipping matters • Insurance • Surveying • Finance • Arbitrations (Gafta & FOSFA 1st & 2nd tier) • Case handler • Legal coordinator 	
<i>Commodities</i>	Grains, oils, fats, oilseeds, pulses	

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<i>Employment</i>	2005-Present	Self-employed
<i>History</i>	2004-2005	Centaur Grain Ltd
	1984-2003	Soufflet Agriculture Ltd
	1974-1984	Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce

Languages English

Activities • Contracts
 • Shipping
 • Insurance
 • Arbitration
 • Administration

Commodities Grain, pulses, oilseeds

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<i>Employment</i>	2015-Present	Agrograin Impex Ltd
<i>History</i>	2013-2015	Rusagro-Prim Srl
<i>Arbitration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Trade Diploma	
<i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma	
<i>Languages</i>	English, Romanian, Ukrainian, Russian	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experienced Chief Operational Officer and Trader with a proven track record in trading and brokerage of agricultural commodities, specializing in GAFTA/FOSFA contracts and incoterms• Skilled in trade execution and managing dry bulk chartering shipments overseeing in-land logistics (railway, truck, and barges)• Expertise in dispute resolution, with strong capabilities in handling banking and financial transactions related to international trade operations	
<i>Commodities</i>	Barley, coriander, corn, feed wheat / milling wheat, lentils, oilseeds, peas, pulses, rapeseed, sorghum, soybean, sunflower seed, wheat, yellow corn	



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Arbitration Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma• Consulate of the Sea		
Languages	English, Spanish, Catalan, Basic French and Italian		
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts• Trading• Shipping• Chartering• Quality• Futures• Financing• Distribution		
Commodities	Grains: wheat, corn, barley, sorghum, rye, triticale, oats, Oilseeds: sunflower, rapeseed, soya, Feedstuffs, Pulses		



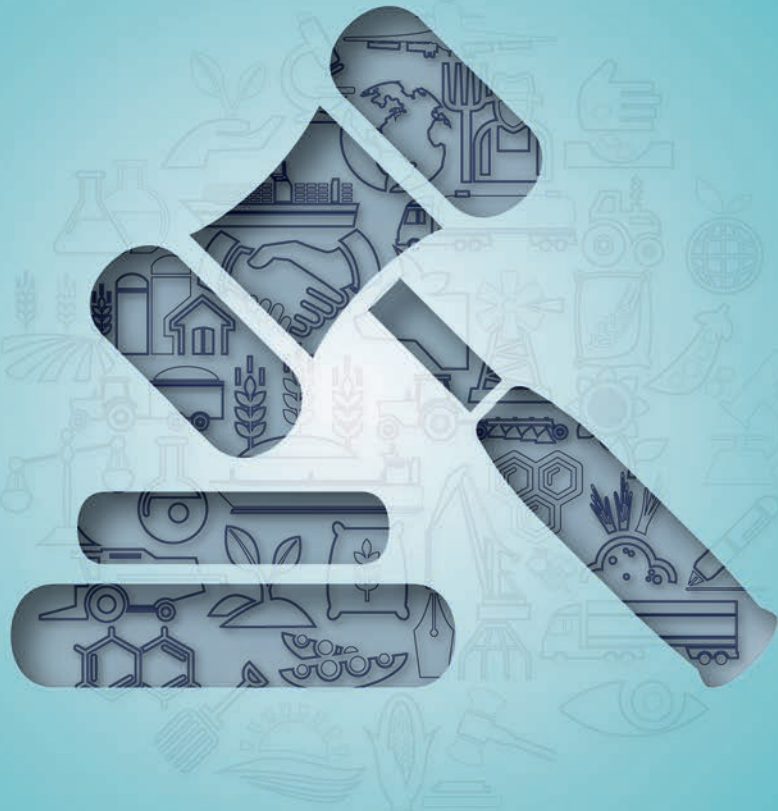
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<i>History</i>	2010-2023	CHS Europe SARL, Geneva
	2006-2009	Garantibank International NV, Amsterdam
<i>Arbitration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma	
<i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOSFA Arbitrator	
<i>Languages</i>	Turkish, English, French, Italian (intermediate)	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts• Arbitration• Trade Finance / Payments/ Banking• Grain Trading• Logistics• + 15 years of intensive experience with destination in Mediterranean basin and Middle East	
<i>Commodities</i>	Wheat, corn, barley, grain, oilseeds, pulses	



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<i>Employment</i>	2014-Present	Self-Employed
<i>History</i>	2012-2014	Noble Resources SA, Geneva
	1999-2012	Bunge, Rotterdam & Geneva
	1989-1999	Glencore Grain BV, Rotterdam
	1987-1989	Philipp Brothers Ltd, London
	1985-1987	Frahuil SA, Marseille
	1981-1985	Frint Ltd, London
	1976-1981	Nidera Handelscompagnie BV, Rotterdam
<i>Arbitration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	
<i>Qualifications</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of Association Suisse d'Arbitrage• Gafta Arbitrator Diploma	
<i>Languages</i>	Dutch, English, French, German	
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts• Shipping• Execution• Chartering• Arbitration• Appeal Arbitrator FOSFA	
<i>Commodities</i>	Canola, corn, cotton, durum wheat, feed wheat, feeding stuffs, grain, groundnuts, linseed, oils, oilseeds, rapeseed, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower, tallow, wheat, white corn, yellow corn	



GAFTA MEDIATION



Gafta Mediation

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In certain circumstances, parties may wish to refer their dispute to Mediation under Gafta 128. This can be done at any time; for example, before arbitration proceedings have commenced or, indeed, once the parties have embarked on it. With arbitration, the parties have agreed, in their contract, to resolve their dispute in a formal way in accordance with the relevant Gafta Rules. The parties are, therefore, tied into the process and are legally bound by the decision of the arbitrators. Mediation, however, is fundamentally different. Unlike an arbitrator, a mediator's role is not to rule on the dispute. Rather, their role is to try and encourage the parties to reach an agreement on terms that they are both comfortable with. If the parties cannot reach an agreement, then their dispute will simply go back to arbitration. If, however, they do reach an agreement, then the mediator will assist in drawing up a settlement agreement, which, once signed, is contractually binding on both parties.

Things said in a mediation are strictly confidential and any offers made to settle are without prejudice, meaning that they cannot later be referred to in an arbitration if the mediation subsequently breaks down.

In a typical mediation, the mediator will meet with both parties at a neutral venue on the day of the mediation (having first asked them both to send a brief 'position paper' in advance of the mediation hearing). The mediation process will then be explained (including the parties' obligation to keep the matter confidential), brief comments will be sought from the parties as to their respective positions and what they hope to achieve on the day, following which the parties will, usually, adjourn to their own rooms. The mediator's role is to then 'shuttle' between the two rooms, understanding the parties' relevant cases (and weaknesses), with a view to assisting the parties to hopefully arrive at common ground to resolve their differences. Unlike an arbitration, where the legal remedies sought are fixed (most commonly, damages), mediation can often involve more creative solutions, not necessarily limited to the matter in dispute. For example, an agreement to trade on certain specified terms, in respect of any new orders or, indeed, an agreement to place a new order.

Gafta mediation costs just £950 for one day, which includes all the necessary pre-hearing work, such as reading-in time. Gafta mediation is provided by Gafta's General Counsel, Jonathan Waters, who is a Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator.



**Jonathan Waters, LLB, LLM, MClarb,
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Jonathan Waters is Gafta's General Counsel. He is a barrister, arbitrator and Civil Mediation Council Registered Mediator and has held a number of senior in-house positions in a variety of business sectors, including retail and leisure, healthcare and insurance. Jonathan has over 30 years PQE, having advised clients, ranging from those listed on the London Stock Exchange to small-medium enterprises, and specialises in international arbitration, dispute resolution and commercial contracts. He has been involved in a number of key reported legal cases involving company law and directors duties. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has a Masters Degree in Economic Relations and Employment Law. He presents at international conferences and spent twelve years as a part-time Law lecturer.

Jonathan's achievements include:

- International Arbitration Expert of The Year (Global Advisory Experts); 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- ADR Civil Mediation Award (Lawyer) 2023
- Leaders in Law Award 2021, 2023
- Finance Monthly Award 2021, 2022
- Arbitration Expert of The Year (Corporate INTL) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- ADR – Adviser of The Year (Global FM) 2023
- Best Mediator (Global 100) 2021, 2022
- International Arbitration Expert of The Year (IE 100) 2022
- Best Mediator and Barrister (M&A Today) 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Best Mediator and Barrister (Corporate America) 2021, 2023
- Best Mediator (Lawyer International) 2021
- Legal 500
- Lawyer Magazine 'Hot 100'
- Faculty Member, London International Arbitration School
- LSM Accredited Mediator

GAFTA ARBITRATION STATISTICS FOR 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

by **Abi Buxo**, Gafta Arbitration Manager

The following arbitration statistics are taken from the period 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, and any comparisons made are against the same period from the previous financial year.

FIRST TIER STATISTICS

Between 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024 Gafta's arbitration department received a total of 301 new arbitration claims, which is an 11% decrease from last year. Gafta issued 158 first tier awards, a 44% increase. 42 of these claims were settled and withdrawn before issuance of an award. 154 first tier awards proceeded under the 125 Rules of Arbitration, 4 under 126 Rules.

The three most common Gafta contracts used were Gafta 48, 49 and 100 and the most common commodities in dispute were corn (mainly of Ukrainian origin), Wheat (mainly of Ukrainian origin) and Milling Wheat (mainly of Ukrainian origin). Awards issued with damages in US dollars, had an aggregate total of USD 147,584,083.82 awards issued with damages in Euros, had an aggregate total of EUR 73,463,185.66. The awards issued damages in GBP with an aggregate total of £31,638.00. 29 Awards were issued with no damages. The aggregate sum of all damages awarded when converted into US dollars totalled US\$221,078,907.48



AVERAGE TIME AND COST AND LENGTH OF GAFTA AWARDS

<i>Averages</i>	<i>125 Rules</i>	<i>Appeal</i>	<i>126 Rules</i>
Full Duration (months)	8	10	4
Proceedings (months)	5	6	3
Award Drafting (months)	3	4	1

<i>Averages</i>	<i>125 Rules</i>	<i>126 Rules</i>	<i>Appeal</i>
Association Fees	£1,758.00	£1,165.00	£4,812.00
Arbitrator Fees	£14,977.00	£5,716.00	£24,180.00
Total Fees (plus non-member charges)	£16,036.00	£8,751.00	£29,817.00

Full Duration = Deposit received and timetable set until award issued

Proceedings = Deposit received and timetable set until submissions closed

Award Drafting = Submissions closed until award issued

APPEAL STATISTICS

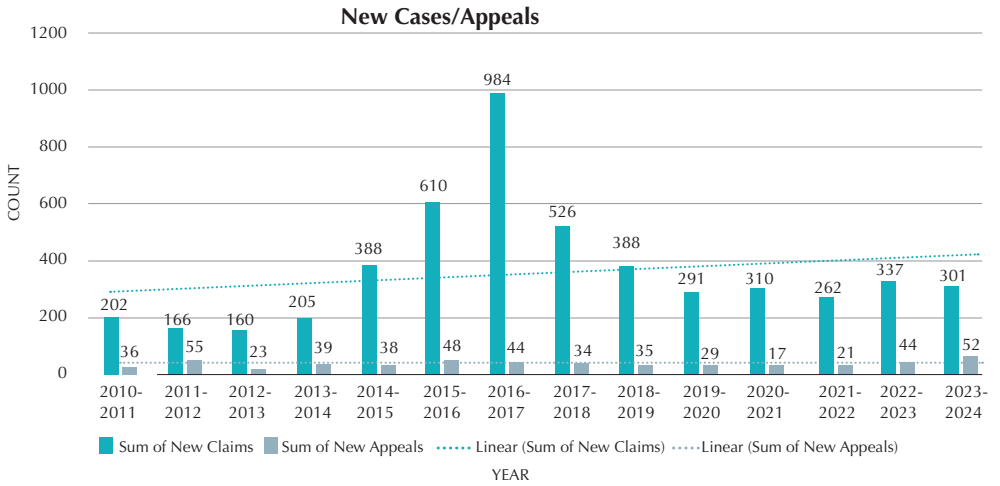
Of the 158 first tier awards issued, 25% were appealed during the period 1 October 2023-30 September 2024. Gafta issued a total of 52 appeals which is an 18% increase from last year. 60% of the appeal awards upheld the first-tier decision.

S.57 STATISTICS

Gafta received 13 applications under section 57 applications of the Arbitration Act 1996. 5 related to appeals and 8 to first tier awards. 10 awards were amended, 1 was dismissed and 1 was both amended and dismissed.

DEFAULTER STATISTICS

34 companies were posted under Rule 24.1, of which 2 later settled. 3 companies were posted under Rule 24.2, of which 0 later settled, and 0 companies were posted under Rule 10.1 (126 Rules).



Membership

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