



## Statement regarding COVID-19 and attending events, training or Arbitration hearings

### Advice for those attending events:

- If you are travelling from, or have travelled to a highly affected area within the 14 days preceding the event, the advice is to self-isolate and not attend
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently throughout the day – use hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- If you are feeling unwell, the advice is to self-isolate as soon as possible – DO NOT visit a doctor or hospital
- Do not attend the event if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell
- Do not share drinks or eating utensils with others

From the UK National Health Service (NHS) website:

*“The symptoms of coronavirus are:*

- *a cough*
- *a high temperature*
- *shortness of breath*

*But these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.”*

UK government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#information-about-the-virus>

UK National Health Service (NHS) advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### Gafta provision for face-to-face events

- Gafta will follow all issued government advice regarding COVID-19. Students are expected to do the same
- A risk-assessment for each event will be prepared
- All venues will be consulted regarding their provisions for COVID-19. We encourage you to bring your own provision of hand sanitiser if you wish
- Students are expected to check official advice for their own location AND the event location and to take appropriate action where necessary
- Gafta’s event cancellation policy remains current
- Unless advised by the appropriate government, Gafta will not restrict access or registration to its events for any country

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### Advice for Arbitration Hearings

Gafta Arbitration Department advice is that if an Arbitrator feels unable or unwilling to travel to an oral hearing due to the risk of COVID-19 we would appreciate at least 7 days’ notice in order to allow time for Gafta to reappoint.

Gafta will arrange for fees to date and any expenses/cancellation costs to be taken from the deposit held on the case in reference. We will keep Arbitrators updated with any further Governmental/Foreign and Commonwealth office travel advice.

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