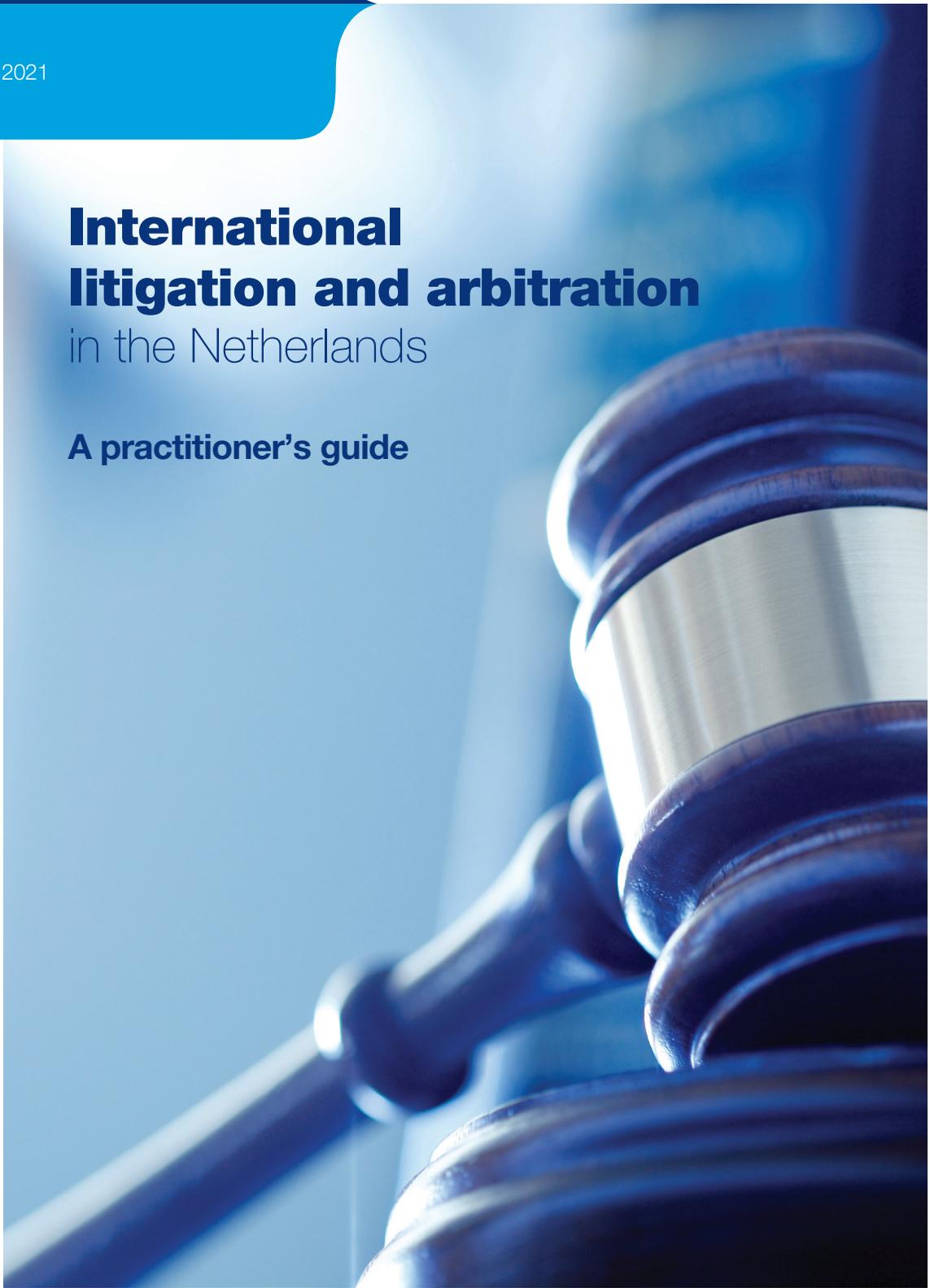


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PREFACE

The objective of this booklet is to provide foreign companies and their (legal) advisors with a basic understanding of (international) litigation and arbitration in The Netherlands.

It summarizes the most important features of legal proceedings, whereby the focus is on both civil court proceedings (Chapters 1 through 20) and arbitration proceedings, including enforcement and annulment proceedings (Chapters 21 through 25). Special attention is also given to proceedings before the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal (such as inquiry and squeeze-out proceedings), the Mass Damages in Class Actions Act (*Wet afwikkeling massaschade in collectieve actie*) that entered into force on 1 January 2020 and the Netherlands Commercial Court that opened its doors on 1 January 2019. The implications of Brexit on the applicability of various European law treaties are also discussed. Where relevant, we also briefly set out pending legislative proposals.

The rules of criminal procedures, administrative procedures and tax procedures are not covered. For the sake of readability, this publication does not contain references to any applicable legal articles, case law or literature.

Although not intended to be exhaustive, we do hope this booklet will (again) spark your attention to several interesting and pertinent issues. Feel free to contact us in case you wish to further discuss certain topics.

On a final note, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to preparing this updated edition. Their knowledge and experience are reflected throughout this booklet. My particular thanks go to Melle Boevink and Barbara Schogt for their editorial efforts.

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