

In the name of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

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IN THE QATAR FINANCIAL CENTRE
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL COURT
FIRST INSTANCE CIRCUIT

Date: 7 September 2025

CASE NO: CTFIC0028/2025

AIRDART TRADING QFZ LLC

Claimant

 \mathbf{v}

EXCELLENT FOOD TRADING WLL

Defendant

JUDGMENT

Before:

Justice James Allsop AC

Order

- 1. The Defendant is directed to pay to the Claimant forthwith the amount of QAR 325,614.
- 2. The Defendant is directed to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Claimant in these claims. The quantum of such costs to be determined by the Registrar if not agreed.

Judgment

1. This is a request for Default Judgment pursuant to article 22 of the Rules and Procedures of this Court (the 'Rules'). The Claimant, Airdart Trading QFZ LLC, is a company registered and licenced in the Qatar Free Zones (the 'QFZ'). The Defendant, Excellent Food Trading WLL, is a company registered with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in the State of Qatar. The Claimant's claim is for unpaid contractual debts in an aggregate amount of QAR 325,614 arising from deliveries by the Claimant of food products to the Defendant. Since the dispute arises from a contract between an entity established within the QFZ and an entity established in the State of Qatar but outside the QFZ, it falls within this Court's jurisdiction by virtue of article 44 of Law No. 34 of 2005 on Investment Free Zones.

2. Whereas:

- i. The claim was duly served on the Defendant on 27 July 2025 in accordance with the provisions of article 18 of the Rules;
- ii. The Defendant failed to file and serve a Defence within the 28-day period during which it was allowed to do so under article 20.1 of the Rules;
- iii. The claim is for a specified amount of money as contemplated by article 22.2 of the Rules;
- iv. Article 22.5 of the Rules states:

The default judgment shall include the names of the parties, the amount awarded (if applicable), and confirmation that it was issued due to the Defendant's failure to file a Defence. No further reasons shall be stated in the judgment.

3. I propose to grant the order sought by default without further reasons.

4. The Claimant's claim for QAR 100,000 as "compensation for material and moral damages" is, in my view, insufficiently substantiated. In the exercise of my discretion under article 22.3 of the Rules, it is therefore refused.

By the Court,



[signed]

Justice James Allsop AC

A signed copy of this Judgment has been filed with the Registry.

Representation

The Claimant was represented by Mr Noushad Al-Okkattil of the Fahad Al-Malki Law Office for Law and Legal Consultations (Doha, Qatar).

The Defendant did not appear and was not represented.