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Overview

- UDRP 'on the papers' arbitration

- Physical materials handling logistics

- Email used extensively

- PDF now in Word 2007 as well as software like PDF995 suite

- Signature options

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UDRP arbitration

- On the papers

- Geographic spread of panellists

- Complainants, registrars and panellists have now become very conversant and comfortable with the processes & procedures

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Physical materials handling logistics

- Not eco friendly

- Time consuming

- Expensive

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Email

- All communications with panellists and parties is by email

- Scanning is now widely available and inexpensive

- Bandwidth has increased

- Mailbox quota sizes and attachment limits have increased

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Portable Document Format (PDF)

- Adobe proprietary format but now publicly available

- Freeware available such as PDF995 makes conversion as simple as printing to pseudo printer

- Office 2007 includes 'Save As PDF' as built-in function

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Signatures

- Options range from physical signing on paper to signing with a digital certificate

- Signing is an action rather than an image; any act which signifies adoption/assent/authentication with appropriate context

- Plaintext signature can be sufficient

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