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2000
CIETAC Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center was established

2001
Authorized by China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) to resolve disputes involving .cn/.中国

2002
Authorized by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to resolve disputes involving generic top-level domains (gTLDs) as well as new gTLDs as the Beijing Office of the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center (ADNDRC)

2005
Started to use the name of CIETAC Online Dispute Resolution Center concurrently

Highlights in 2023



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01

The caseload showed an overall growth trend, with a year-on-year increase of **9.84%**. Among them, there were **91** gTLD dispute cases, an increase of **49.18%** compared to last year.



02

The number of disputed domain names increased significantly, with **7.69%** cases involving multiple domain names and the maximum number of domain names in one dispute amounting to **31**.



03

The foreign-related element of gTLD disputes continued to increase, with **35.4%** cases using English as the language of the proceedings, a year-on-year increase of **7.4%**.

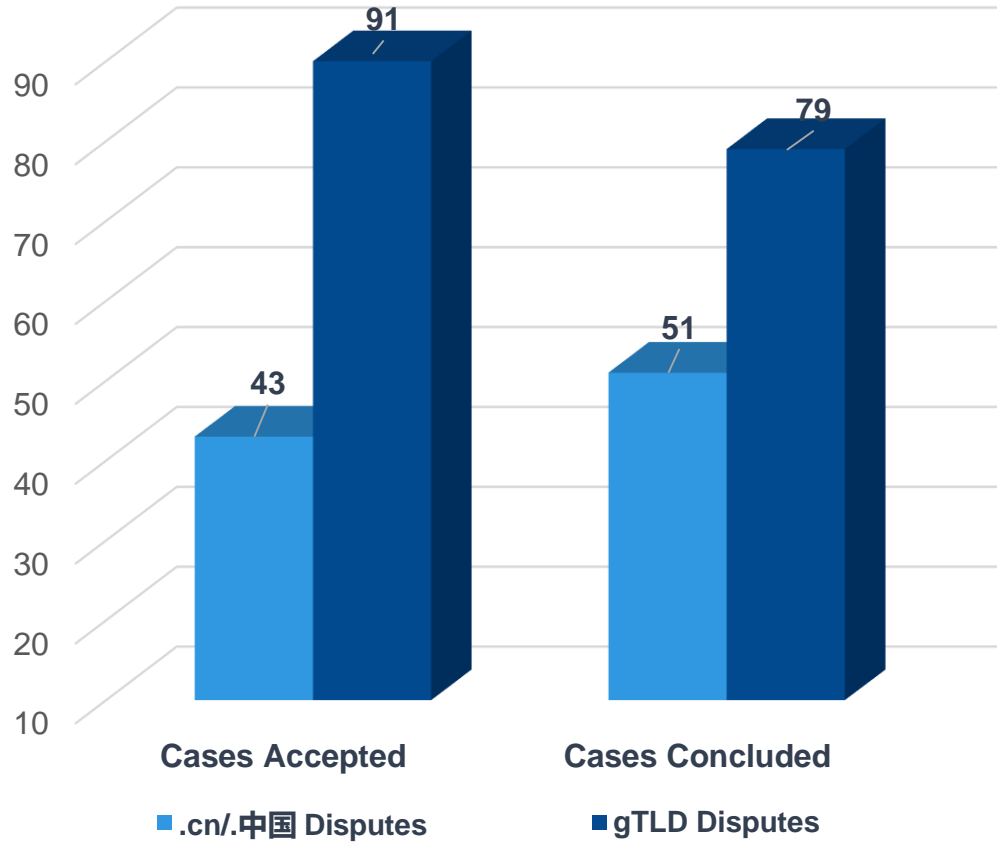




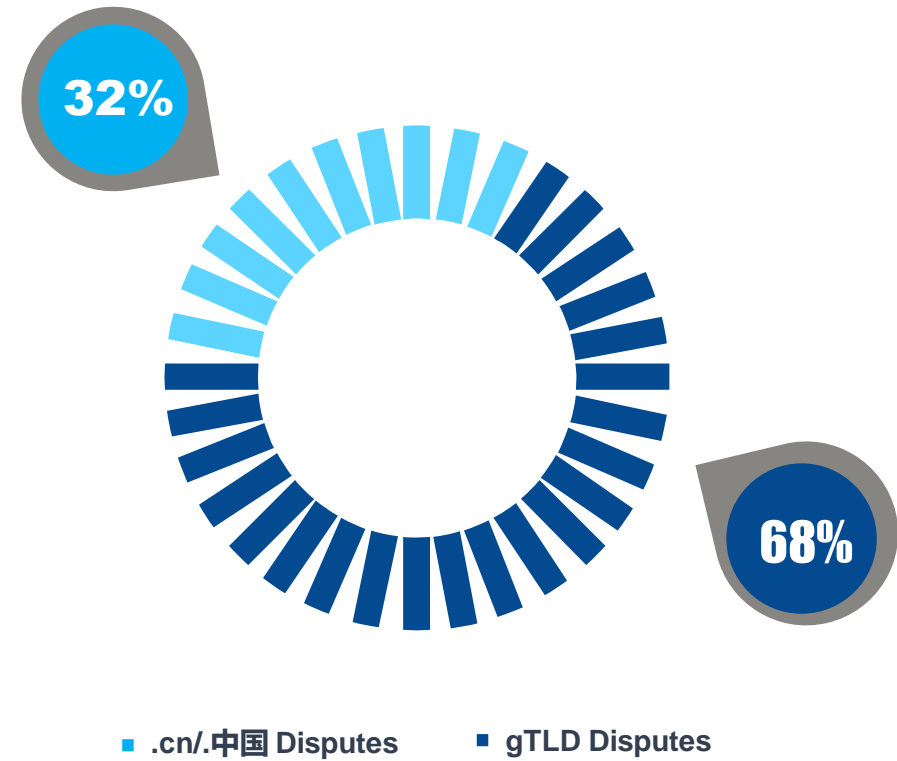
Cases Overview in 2023



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The Types of Domain Name Cases in 2023

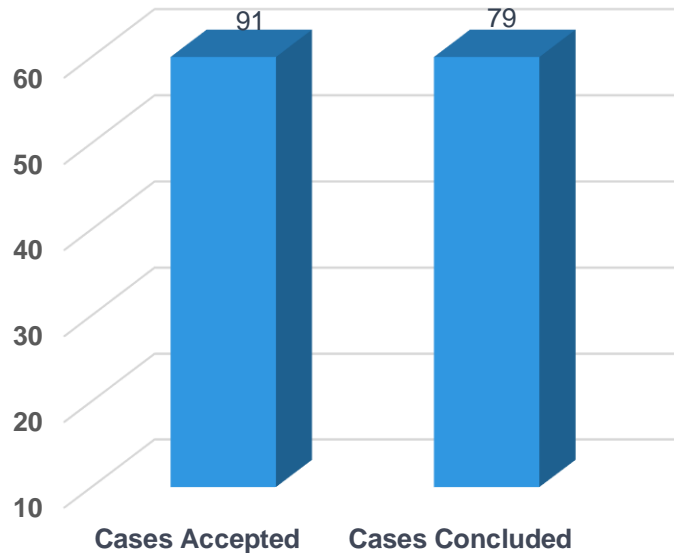
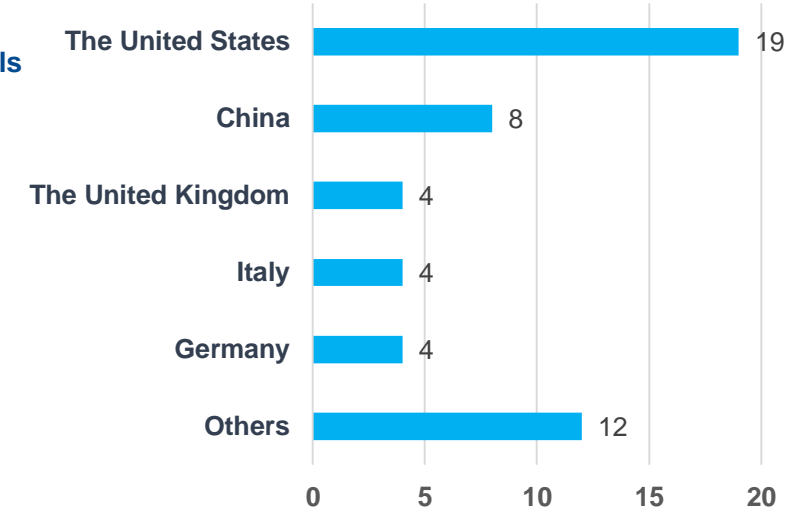
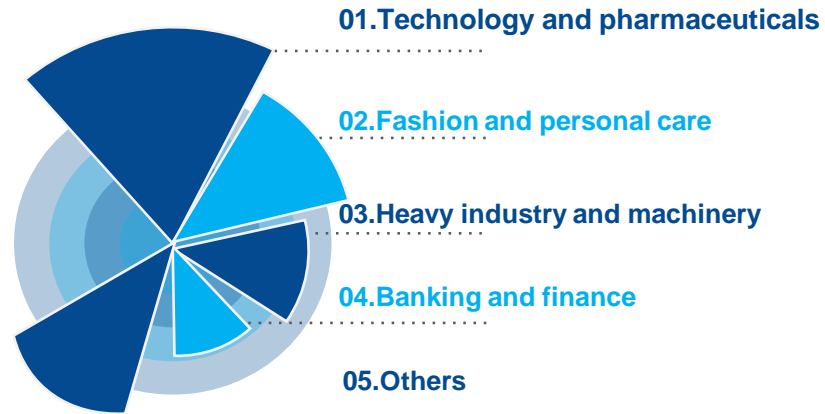
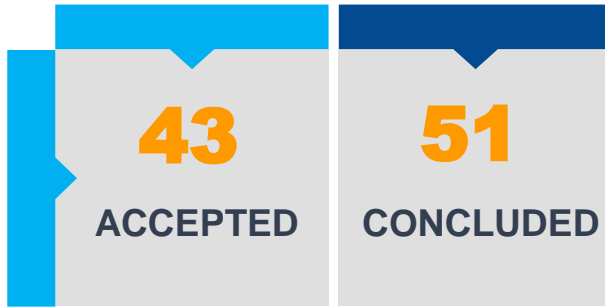




.cn/.中国 Disputes in 2023



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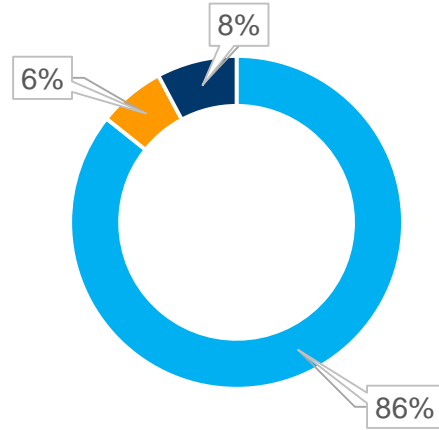
- **43** .cn/.中国 cases were newly accepted and **51** cases were concluded.
- Involving **13** industries, of which the top four were: technology and pharmaceuticals, fashion and personal care, heavy industry and machinery, and banking and finance.
- Covering **13** countries and regions, of which the most frequently involved countries were: the United States, China, the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany.



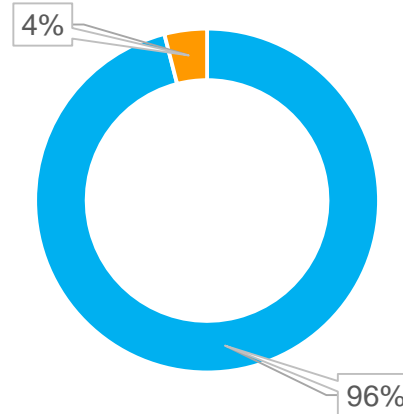
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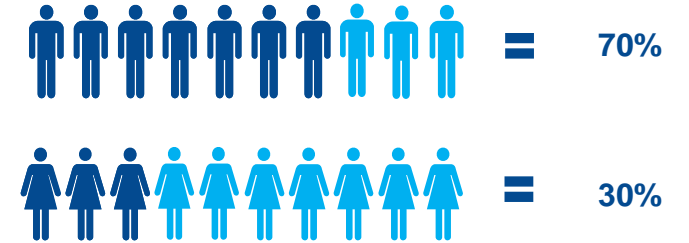
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■ Domain Name Transferred
■ Complaint Dismissed
■ Domain Name Withdrawn



■ Sole-member Panel
■ Three-member Panel



- **94%** cases transferred the domain names in dispute to the Complainant(s).
- **96%** cases were heard by a sole-member panel and **4%** by a three-member panel.
- Female experts were nominated or appointed in **30%** cases.
- The duration of proceedings were **40** days in average.

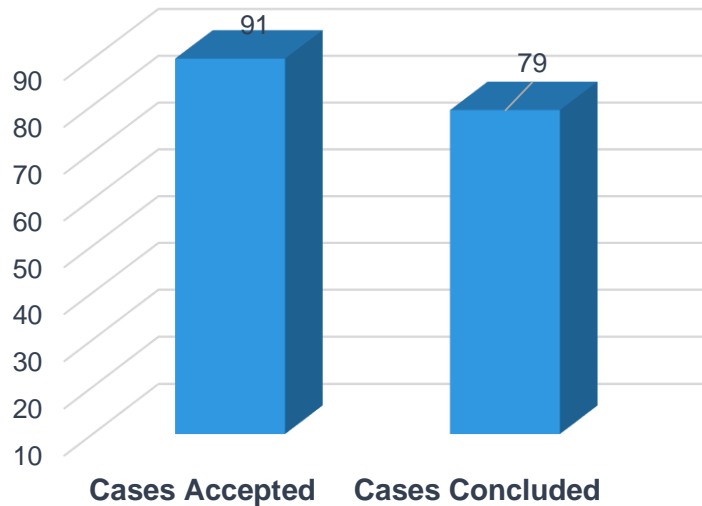
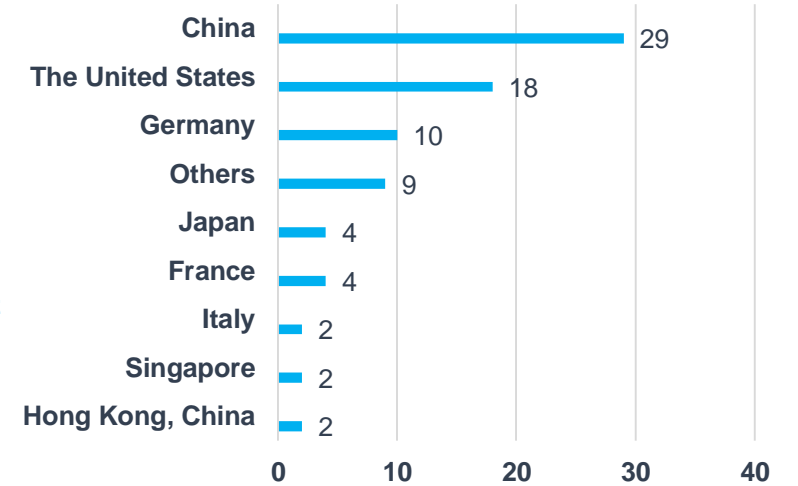
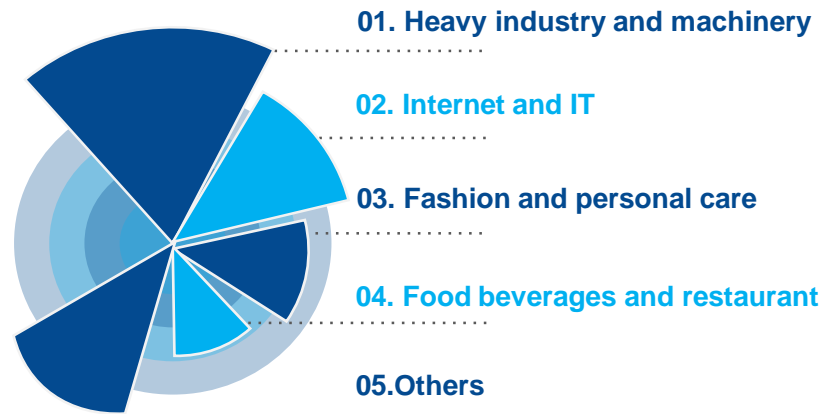
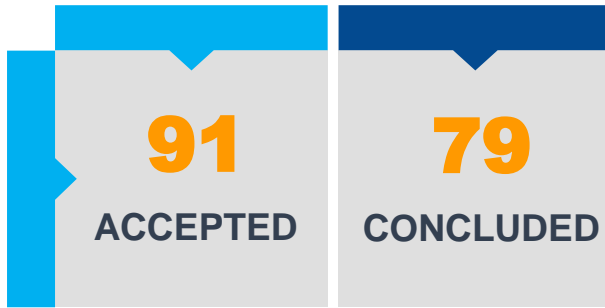
Average Duration
40 days



gTLDs Disputes in 2023



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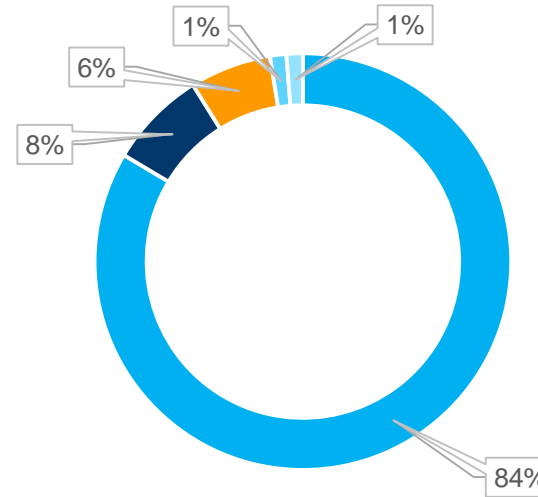
- **91** gTLD cases were newly accepted with a year-on-year increase of **49.18%**, and **79** cases were concluded.
- The number of disputed domain names increased significantly, with **7.69%** cases involving multiple domain names and the maximum number of domain names in one dispute amounting to **31**.
- Involving **8** industries, of which the top four were: heavy industry and machinery, Internet and IT, fashion and personal care, and food beverages & restaurant.
- Covering **15** countries and regions, of which the most frequently involved countries were: China, the United States, Germany, France and Japan.

gTLDs Disputes in 2023

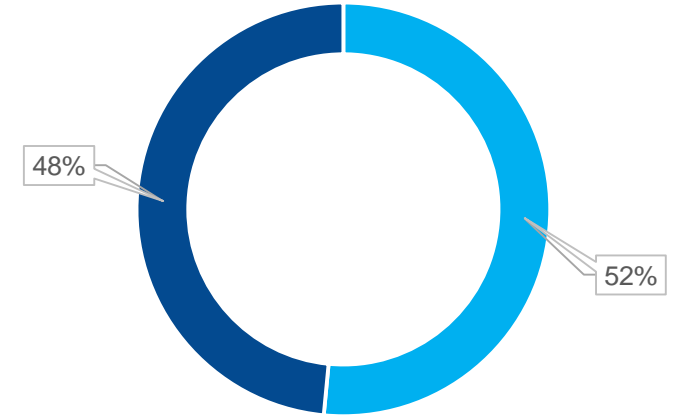


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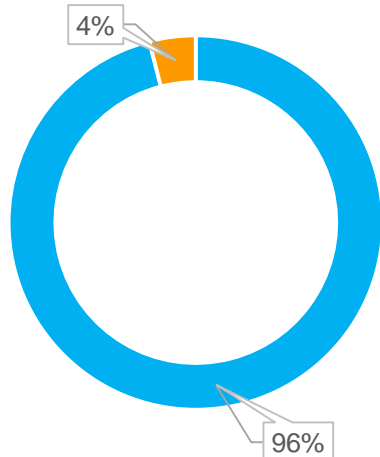
- **84%** cases transferred the disputed domain names to the Complainant(s).
- **96%** cases were heard by a sole-member panel and **4%** by a three-member panel. Female experts were nominated or appointed in **24%** cases.
- **48%** cases were conducted in English, with a higher degree of internationalization.
- The duration of proceedings were **41** days in average.



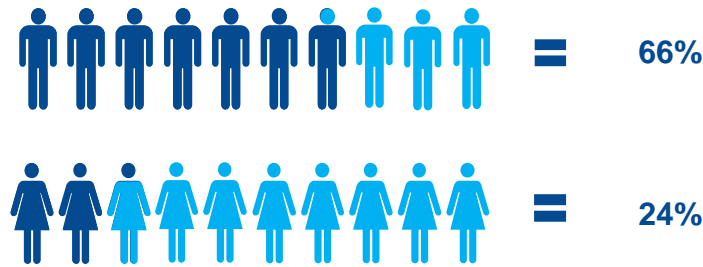
■ Transfer ■ Cancellation ■ Denial ■ Withdrawal ■ Settlement



■ Chinese ■ English



■ Sole-member Panel ■ Three-member Panel



Average Duration
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Events in 2023



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Domain Name Dispute Resolution Practice Development Workshop

On 27 to 28 April 2023, the Domain Name Dispute Resolution Practice Development Workshop was held successfully. The workshop focused on the practical and legal complexities relating to proceedings under the UDRP, including concurrent litigation proceedings, case management by the ADNDRC, etc.



ADNDRC Annual Conference

On 14 December 2023, the ADNDRC Annual Conference was successful held in Kuala Lumpur. Wang Chengjie, Chairman of ADNDRC and Vice Chairman/Secretary General of CIETAC, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. He pointed out that as one of the founding institutions and the current rotating chair institution of the ADNDRC, CIETAC will continue to actively participate in and lead the management of the ADNDRC and play an important role in promoting its development.



Interview with the Expert

Fan Kun, Senior Expert of ADNDRC and Associate Professor of University of New South Wales, was interviewed by Lu Yahan, Deputy Secretary General of CIETAC Online Dispute Resolution Center. Based on the *Decision Drafting Guidelines* issued by the ADNDRC in 2022, she addressed the common problems in decision drafting and the approaches to improve the efficiency in drafting the decisions.



The Domain Name Dispute Resolution (DNDR) mechanism, with its advantages of impartiality, efficiency, effectiveness and guaranteed enforcement, has become the preferred method of resolving domain name cybersquatting disputes.

CIETAC will continue to provide high-quality and prompt DNDR service for the parties, and contribute to the improvement of the business environment of the rule of law on internet and the promotion of the sound development of the digital economy.

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