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Netherlands jurisdiction overview



The Netherlands is situated in North West Europe and borders with Germany in the East and Belgium in the South.

The Netherlands has a sophisticated tax system with high tax rates with extremely attractive aspects of its fiscal system, making the Netherlands the ideal location for international trading operations.

The official and spoken language is Dutch, but most people also speak English and German.

The official currency is Euro.

Netherlands BV information

Type of company:

Private or Public Limited Company

Procedure to register

Deed of Incorporation is executed before Notary Public and a Declaration of no objection is added to the draft articles of incorporation. Incorporator and initial managers need to be appointed from Ministry of Justice before incorporation.

Time to register

3-4 weeks

Registered Office Required

Yes and must be maintained in the Netherlands

Restrictions on names

Any name that already exists on the Register or is too similar. A name that implies illegal activities or any name, which in the opinion of the Registrar is considered undesirable, obscene or offensive and any name, which implies royal or government patronage.

Language of Legislation and Corporate Documents

Dutch

Type of law

Civil law

Principal Corporate legislation

Commercial Code of the Netherlands

Restrictions on Trading

Yes, any business activities connected with: banking, insurance, financial services, consumer credit related services and employment agencies

Disclosure of Beneficial Owner to Authorities

No, but if the company has a single shareholder, this information will appear on public record

Compliance requirements**Taxation**

The current tax rate for profits between €1EUR - €22,689EUR is 29%, balance at 34.5%

Double Taxation Treaties

The Netherlands has signed DDT agreements with over 60 countries

Authorised and Issued Share Capital

Private Company - The minimum authorised share capital is Euro 90,000 of which 20% (Euro 18,000) must be issued and fully paid

Public Company - The minimum authorised share capital for a public company is Euro 225,000 of which Euro 45,000 must be paid up

Classes of Shares allowed

Ordinary shares, preference shares, deferred shares, redeemable shares and shares with or without voting rights

Directors

The minimum number of directors is one and they may be natural persons or bodies corporate, of any nationality and need not reside in the Netherlands

Company Secretary

Not applicable

Shareholders

The minimum number of shareholders is one and they may be natural persons or corporate bodies and may be of any nationality and do not need to be resident in the Netherlands

Financial Statements/Accounts

There is an official requirement to file accounts with the Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands

Summary Corporate information

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Type of entity:	BV
Type of law:	Civil
Time to register the company	3-4 weeks
Minimum government fees	€230 EUR
Corporate taxation	€1-€22,689 at 29% and balance at 34.5%
Double taxation treaty	Yes
Shelf companies	Not available
Share capital	
Standard currency	EUR
Minimum paid up	€18,000 EUR
Standard authorised	€90,000 EUR
Officers	
Directors	One
Local required	No
Shareholders	One
Secretary	Optional
Publicly accessible records	Yes
Location of meetings	Netherlands
Compliance	
Accounts	Yes
Audit	Yes
Annual Return	Yes
Change of domicile	Not Permitted