

HOW CAN HCR HELP YOU DO BUSINESS IN THE NETHERLANDS?

In the Netherlands our strong partnership with two Dutch law firms in the Randstad region provide our hub for the whole of the EU. We work with UK, US and Chinese companies at all stages of their business journey in the Netherlands, assisted by our partners. How can we help you?

Corporate structure

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Owners of a new company in the Netherlands must select a legal business structure such as a sole proprietor (eenmanszaak) or private limited company (bv). The legal structure determines their liabilities and tax obligations. We advise clients on which business structure most suits their need, and then work with them to set it up.

Investigations of Dutch companies

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When you're contemplating working with a Dutch counterparty, whether as a distributor for your products or as a supplier, or for some other commercial purpose, it is beneficial to carry out an investigation into the company and its owners before signing the contract. We help clients get this done, so that they have peace of mind and go into new relationships with their eyes open and fewer 'unknowns'.

M&A work and due diligence

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While acquisition contracts might be governed by English law, if the target is Dutch it is still necessary to have Dutch lawyers perform due diligence on that target. We work with multinational clients on these matters.

Review of contracts governed by Dutch law

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It may seem obvious that if a contract is governed by Dutch law then a review needs to be carried out by someone qualified in the Netherlands, however we are aware that sometimes this does not happen. UK qualified lawyers may be tempted to review your contract, add a disclaimer to their review indicating that it has been based on 'common sense' and then charge you for their time. We don't do this because it does not serve your best interests as our client.

Litigation

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Even if the form contracts you use are all subject to English or US courts, you might still find yourself drawn into a dispute in the Netherlands if sued by a third party there in tort. When this happened to one of our exporter clients, we were able to assist them by finding the right defence lawyers in The Hague and provide them with dispute resolution support ourselves. A settlement was reached before the case went to trial, much to the relief of the client.

Employment law and intellectual property

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We help our UK and US clients to find the right advisors when they want to employ people, or protect their brand or technology in the Netherlands.

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