

BEFORE YOU INCORPORATE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Ten questions to answer before the notary, not after. Most delays in Dutch company formation are caused by decisions nobody made in advance.

Incorporating a Dutch entity is straightforward. What stops groups is everything around it: the bank, the ownership chain, the tax registrations and the substance the structure will need from its first invoice. **The bottleneck is almost never the commercial register.**

TICK EVERY STATEMENT THAT IS TRUE TODAY

- ☐ 01 You know **which vehicle you need**: BV, NV, cooperative or foundation, and why the others were rejected.
- ☐ 02 You know **who the directors will be** and where they are resident.
- ☐ 03 You have a **real address** in the Netherlands, or a plan to obtain one that a bank will accept.
- ☐ 04 You can **evidence the source of the funds** being introduced, with documents rather than explanations.
- ☐ 05 The **ownership chain up to the ultimate beneficial owner is documentable**, including any intermediate entities.
- ☐ 06 You know your **VAT position**: whether you will be registered, and what your first filings will look like.
- ☐ 07 You have a realistic **plan for the bank account**, and know it is the slowest step rather than the last.
- ☐ 08 You know **what the civil-law notary requires**, including powers of attorney and legalisation if signing remotely.
- ☐ 09 You have budgeted the **annual running cost**: accounts, filings, corporate tax return, substance.
- ☐ 10 You know **what makes a Dutch bank decline** a file, and none of it applies to you.

WHAT YOUR ANSWERS MEAN

EIGHT OR MORE

You are ready to instruct. The remaining decisions are sequencing rather than substance.

FIVE TO SEVEN

Workable, but expect the gaps to surface as delay, usually at the bank, and usually after the company already exists.

FOUR OR FEWER

Incorporating now means building a company and then discovering what it needed to be. That is the expensive order.

BLANK ON 4, 5 OR 7

These three account for most refused bank applications, and the bank decides after incorporation, when changing course is costly.

WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

01 · DECIDE	02 · PREPARE	03 · EXECUTE
VEHICLE AND PEOPLE Legal form, directors, address and ownership, settled before drafting begins.	THE FILE Source of funds, beneficial ownership and activity described the way a bank reads it.	IN THE RIGHT ORDER Notary, register, tax and VAT, then banking, with each step feeding the next.

THREE OR MORE BLANKS? HALF AN HOUR NOW SAVES MONTHS LATER.

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