



FISCAL REP
THE NETHERLANDS

**FISCAL
REPRESENTATION
IN THE NETHERLANDS
GATEWAY TO EUROPE**

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The Netherlands offers exceptional facilities to import/export goods into or out of Europe. As a gateway to Europe, it's often a favourable country used by many companies across the globe to create maximum efficiency in the financial & supply chain aspect of operating in Europe.

When importing goods into the Netherlands, a VAT deferral may apply, providing a substantial cash flow advantage to companies.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

On all goods entering The Netherlands from non-EU member countries, VAT must be paid at the moment of import of the goods. The company can only ask for a refund of the paid import VAT in the periodic VAT-return. The company therefore has to finance the import VAT for 1 to 4 months.

In The Netherlands it is possible to defer the VAT on the import of goods to the periodic VAT return in which you can reclaim the VAT. This avoids that you have to pay VAT on import to the tax authorities upfront. This results in a major cash flow advantage.

A non-resident company can only apply this regulation if it appoints a fiscal representative in The Netherlands. HLB Fiscal Rep is a company that can provide these fiscal representation services

HLB FISCAL REP

HLB Fiscal Rep provides all kind of VAT services to non-resident traders in The Netherlands.

HLB Fiscal Rep takes the VAT administration out of the hands of the non-resident trader so he can focus on his core business: trading of goods.

THE ROLE OF THE FISCAL REPRESENTATIVE

A fiscal representative works for a non-resident company and deals with all its VAT obligations:

- Registration as foreign entrepreneur with the tax authorities;
- Application for the deferral of VAT on imports;
- Advising traders to be fully compliant with rules on invoicing, VAT treatment etc.;
- Preparing and filing of VAT-returns;
- Preparing and filing of EU-sales lists;
- Preparing and filing of Intrastat-returns;

All this in close collaboration with the Dutch Tax Authorities and a Dutch Bank.

The tax authorities require a bank guarantee if a fiscal representative is appointed. The fiscal representative is liable for the unpaid VAT up to the amount of the bank guarantee for the past 5 years. HLB Fiscal Rep therefore will ask their clients to provide a contra guarantee for five times the amount stated in the letter of the tax authorities. Of course HLB Fiscal Rep can assist you with arranging the contra guarantee.

SAVINGS

- Delayed VAT payments: no negative impact on your cash flow due to VAT deferral;
- No need to incorporate a company in The Netherlands;
- Easier administration & compliance



CASE STUDY

An American company intended to import goods into The Netherlands from China, and subsequently to distribute them to other EU countries. The American company is liable to pay the due VAT on import upfront when importing the goods into The Netherlands.

In order to avoid paying the VAT upfront to the Dutch Tax authorities the American Company appointed HLB Fiscal Rep as their fiscal representative.

HLB Fiscal Rep applied for a permit to defer the import VAT. Based on this permit, the import VAT will be reported in the periodic VAT return that must be filed. In the same VAT-return, the import VAT can be deducted as input VAT. In this way, the American company didn't have to finance the import VAT due (no negative impact on your cash flow).



ANY QUESTIONS?

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