



INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM INDUSTRY-FOCUSED

MAAK Advocaten NV is a Dutch law firm based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Our law firm has a strong focus on serving the legal needs of players in the supply chain of the manufacturing industry and offers legal advice for the strategic challenges of this sector. With this sector-focus, we are familiar with the daily business and legal challenges of our clients and seek to make thoughtful use of our legal acumen in support of our clients' strategic and commercial needs.



ABOUT US

With the special focus, MAAK Advocaten operates in the dynamic environment of the manufacturing industry and supports Dutch, European and International companies, advisors, technical bodies, engineers, government agencies and authorities regarding their legal challenges. To be able to support the clients in the most efficient way, the first step in a cooperation is for us to gain an in-depth understanding of the business and the daily challenges a company faces.

In the industry, several risks and pitfalls present themselves both during and after the supply chain leading from manufacturer to consumer: technical risks, the risk of running afoul of the applicable law, rules and regulations, liability and contractual risks, risks arising from a failure to perform due to agreements improperly documented (if at all), and finally, the financial risks that inevitably follow.

After an initial assessment, we point out such potential risks and pitfalls while ensuring that your company's development and its ability to carry on with business can continue unhindered. We understand what is at stake, maintain a clear-eyed view of your potential, and provide insights into risks and risk management. That is the philosophy of MAAK Advocaten in a nutshell.

EXPERTISE

Our Dutch lawyers are dedicated professionals and industry-driven and have years of experience in many and varied areas of law.

The particular areas of expertise of MAAK are:

- (EU) product laws- and regulations / CE marking
- Recall management
- (Product) Liability law
- Compliance management
- Commercial Contracting
- M&A | Due Diligence support
- (cross-border) Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property Law

MAAK Advocaten will make every effort in cooperation with our broad and global network of (technical) specialists, advisors and authorities to answer your questions and support your needs, national or international.



MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

We support our clients' compliance with product laws and regulations at all stages of the product life-cycle and co-ordinate with the various regulators and authorities in the Netherlands, if necessary.

PRODUCT SAFETY LAWS

CE-MARKING

MAAK Advocaten has a strong reputation supporting clients in the strategic areas of the supply chain of the International manufacturing industry.

Product safety law is gaining ground as much in the European Union as it is in the USA and Asian countries such as China and Japan. General Product Safety, the Machinery Directive, ATEX, Electromagnetic Compatibility and Low Voltage are topics as relevant for our clients as REACH, RoHS and WEEE and the Ecodesign Directive. MAAK also covers Medical Devices, PPE, Pressure Equipment and Construction Products, including licensing issues, the right way to deal with risk assessments and Notified Bodies and up to the complete handling of a market surveillance procedure under the RAPEX system.

The sectorial focus lies on companies active in the industries of machine manufacturing, high-tech, automotive, logistics, consumer goods and medical devices. MAAK supports all parties in the supply chain: suppliers, manufacturers, importers, distributors, resellers and engineers.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Our experienced team assists our clients in analyzing risks, managing disputes and seeking constructive and pragmatic solutions in our clients' best interests. Our industry-driven lawyers are not just litigators or arbitration specialists, but business-minded problem solvers.

As a dispute can have dire consequences for the development of business activities, MAAK provides the custom efforts of specialists with a feel for your specific interests and goals.

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING

Commercial law and contracts are the core of business activities. Our attorneys support purchasers and suppliers regarding the daily challenges of commercial contracts. MAAK seeks to understand the commercial drivers behind the range of activities to which contract law can apply, from commercial activities to IT and services procurement.

MAAK offers straightforward, clear and accessible support on onetime deals, specific legal issues arising from business negotiations to complicated, time-critical negotiations. Our team gained extensive experience over the years advising on a wide range of commercial contracts, including:

- import agreements
- distribution agreements
- supply agreements
- reseller agreements
- purchase agreements
- service level agreements
- engineering agreements
- commercial agency agreements
- IT / software agreements
- manufacturing and fabrication agreements
- R&D collaborations
- international supply chain arrangements
- joint development agreements

OUR SERVICES

PRODUCT SAFETY LAWS | CE MARKING

- advising on (EU) market access
- compliance management
- in-depth advice on product requirements
- assistance with product development
- product liability and product safety law
- work accidents in the Netherlands

COMMERCIAL / DISTRIBUTION LAW

- contract negotiations
- drafting, reviewing and modifying commercial contracts
- compliance check on existing contracts
- (advising on) the termination of contracts, such as long-term contracts
- sparring partner for legal counsels and management

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- settlement negotiations
- discussions with regulatory authorities on product safety matters
- summary and interim relief proceedings
- drafting legal opinions under Dutch law for Dutch courts
- assistance in ad hoc and institutional (international) arbitration proceedings

CORPORATE LAW / M&A

- setting up a business
- mergers and acquisitions
- disputes between shareholders, management or companies
- directors' liability
- due diligence

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