

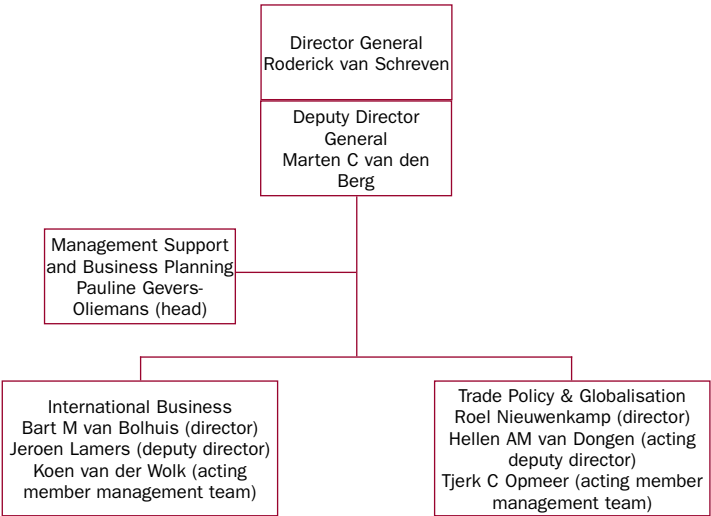
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Organisation chart



Questions and answers

Which department is responsible for trade enforcement?

Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Who is the head of that department?

C P Buijink

How long is their term of office?

Not determined.

When is he or she next due for reappointment?

N/A.

Which posts within the organisation are political appointments?

None.

To whom does the head of the department report?

Minister for foreign economic relations (state secretary).

Do any industry-specific regulators have trade-related powers?

No.

Do politicians have any right to overrule or disregard the decisions of the department?

No.

Does the law allow competition policy aims to be considered when taking decisions?

Competition law operates separately from trade policy.

Which body hears appeals against the department's decisions?

Rechtbank Haarlem, College van Beroep voor het Bedrijfsleven.

Is there any form of judicial review beyond that mentioned above?

Yes.

If so, which body conducts this?

In the final instance, the European Court of Justice.

Are there any plans to reform the trade law?

No.

When did the last review of the law occur?

2008 (included in General Customs Law).