



**BRITISH CHAMBER**  
OF COMMERCE IN BELGIUM

## Membership General Terms & Conditions

### The British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium

The name of the Chamber is "The British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (Incorporated)" hereinafter called the "Chamber".

These General Terms and Conditions do not replace, amend or annul the Articles of Association or the Memorandum of the Chamber. These Terms and Conditions serve as a general reminder of the important aspects of Membership to the Chamber. A copy of the Articles of Association and the Memorandum are available on request.

### Annual Subscription

The amount of the annual subscription of Members shall be decided by the Council. The Council may fix different rates of subscription for different categories of Members. Furthermore, the Council can decide upon annual subscription fees to be paid by Members for specific additional services or membership of specific committees, task forces, etc. created by Council.

Late payment may attract interest as determined by Council.

### Membership Structure

Membership of the Chamber for the purposes of the Companies Act (the Act) shall be divided into the categories of Patron Members, Corporate Members, Small Business Members, Overseas Members and Individual Members. The Council may also admit as Overseas Members persons or companies not resident in Belgium. An Overseas Member shall benefit from the services and publications offered by the Chamber but shall not be a Member for the purposes of the Act and shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings (otherwise than as a proxy for a Patron or Corporate or Small Business Member) or to be a member of the Council or to nominate a Member for election to the Council or to sign a requisition for the calling of a General Meeting.

Only Patron, Corporate and Small Business Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings.. The Council will determine the rights and obligations attached to each category of membership (excluding, however, the voting rights, which are determined in these Articles). The Council can create other categories of membership and can abolish categories of membership.

### Retirement

A Member must give written notice to the Chief Executive Director before the end of their membership of his wish to retire otherwise he will be liable for his subscription for the ensuing year. In the event of a member resigning, the

relevant portion of any subscription paid in advance shall be retained by the Chamber. A Voting Member whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to vote on any question and if the subscription of a Member remains unpaid for six months after the date on which it is due, all privileges of membership will be forfeited and his name may be posted in the offices of the Chamber but the arrears shall still be a debt to and recoverable by the Chamber.

### Exclusion

The Council shall by a two-thirds majority vote of its Members present have power to exclude any Member whose conduct in its opinion renders him unfit to be a Member of the Chamber, provided that notice of such a resolution has been placed on the Agenda of the meeting and that notice of the meeting and a reasonable opportunity to attend and speak thereat shall have been given to the Member concerned.

Any Member shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Chamber:

1. If he is adjudicated a bankrupt or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors.
2. If he is found lunatic or is medically certified of unsound mind.
3. If he shall neglect to pay his annual subscription for six months, as provided for in Article 9, or if he shall persistently neglect or refuse to pay any other moneys which may be due from him to the Chamber, but he may be readmitted at any meeting of the Council by resolution, and on paying his subscription or other dues in arrears.
4. If he shall neglect or refuse to comply with any Articles of Association after written notice sent to him by the Secretary by registered post on instructions of the Council.

### Rules

These Rules can be amended from time to time in accordance with the rules set forth in the Memorandum and the Articles of Association. In the event of contradiction the Articles of Association and the Memorandum will prevail.

### Secretariat

For general inquiries and any more information, please contact Robbert Dekker who is available from 0900 to 1600, Monday to Friday.

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