China vs Netherlands

More ownership. More scale. Room to grow.

A practical guide to ownership, tax, visas and business growth.

COMPARE	CHINA | THE OPPORTUNITY	NETHERLANDS
Foreign ownership	**100% foreign-owned** in many sectors; activity restrictions apply.	**100% foreign ownership** generally possible; sensitive investments may require screening.
Corporate income tax	**5% effective CIT** for qualifying small companies with annual taxable profit up to RMB3m.* Standard rate: 25%.	**19% on the first EUR200,000** of taxable profit; **25.8%** above that level.
VAT / sales tax	**1% on eligible transactions** for small-scale taxpayers, generally with sales up to RMB5m.*	**21% standard VAT**; reduced rates and exemptions apply.
Dividend tax	**20% for foreign individuals** from 1 Sep 2026. Corporate shareholders have different rules.	Generally **15% dividend withholding**; exemptions or treaty relief may apply.
Repatriating profits	**Permitted after tax and distribution compliance.** Banks review corporate, financial and tax records.	**Generally transferable abroad** after lawful distribution and tax compliance; bank checks apply.
Family visa rights	**S1:** eligible spouse, parents, children under 18 and parents-in-law; residence application required.	Eligible **partner and children under 18** may apply; sponsor, income and residence conditions apply.
Hiring & capital	**No general nationwide 4:1 hiring rule.** Local work-permit and capital requirements apply.	**BV capital from EUR0.01.** Notarial formation required; immigration funding criteria are separate.
Work & residence	Eligible founders can apply through a **genuine operating company**; applicant and job criteria apply.	**Self-employed permit** generally requires essential Dutch economic interest; treaty/start-up routes differ.
Market size	**Around 1.4 billion people.** A large domestic customer base; demand varies by product.	**Around 18 million people** (2026), with access to the wider EU single market.
Supply chain & talent	**Broad industrial supply chains** and a large workforce for sourcing and scaling.	Strong European logistics and specialist talent; China offers a larger production base.
Banking & setup	**Multilingual local support** for documents, appointments and bank coordination. Bank approval required.	Notarial BV formation, KVK registration and bank KYC; ownership alone grants no residence rights.

* China: 5% CIT needs total profit <= RMB3m, <= 300 staff, assets <= RMB50m and eligible activity. Small-scale VAT conditions apply; input VAT generally not deductible. Both concessions end 31 Dec 2027. Standard China VAT rates differ. Dividend figures concern foreign individuals/nonresidents, not total personal tax; treaties may reduce rates. Family rights depend on route; work rights vary. Population figures are rounded 2025/26 estimates. Reviewed 29 Oct 2026.

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