

Overall, the standards used in Belgium are those adopted by EC. Belgium is more lenient in imposing standards, but products which differ too much from official standards will not sell.

Useful Addresses:

- Trade Mart, Buro Design Center. Mr. Y. De Munck or Mr. Jean Gillot
Atomiumsquare PB 211, 1020 Brussels. Tel: 32-2-478.47.30 Fax: 32-2-478.62.58
- Commission of the European Communities Directorate General XXIII Euro
Info Centre Project. 80 rue d'Arlon, 1040 Brussels. Tel: 32-2-235.94.50
- FIOC (Foreign Investment Office of the Gouvernement of Flanders) Triersstraat
100, 1040 Brussels. Tel: 32-2-230.12.25 Fax: 32-2-230.27.07

Local Canadian Representative: Francis Keymolen, Commercial Officer, Canadian Embassy 2 avenue de Tervuren, 1040 Brussels. Tel: 32-2-735.60.40 Fax: 32-2-735.33.83

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Belgium has hosted a number of trade fairs for furniture:

- Burotika 18-22 April, 1992: Exhibition of office equipment and computer related equipment. Brussels Tel: 32-2-762.71.83 Fax: 32-2-762.94.34
- International Furniture Show Brussels Fair 10-14 November, 1991. Brussels
Tel: 32-2-218.28.44 Fax: 32-2-218.38.44
- "Market Week" Furniture 9-10 September, and 10-14 November, 1991.
Brussels Tel: 32-2-478.49.89
- International Furniture Festival of Mechelen 17-20 February, 1992. Mechelen
Tel: 32-15-20.57.50 Fax: 32-15-21.14.74
- Bureaumatique Exhibition of office equipment, computer and robotics. Namur
Tel: 32-81-73.69.21 Fax: 32-81-23.09.45
- Bureau Salon international de l'equipment de bureau, de l'informatique, et des
telecommunications. Brussels. Tel: 32-2-762.71.83 Fax: 32-2-762.94.34

There are no special publications for office furniture. However, there are two magazines which deal with furniture, and sometimes deal with office furniture:

Echo du meuble (Tel: 32-2-424.00.64) and Meubihome (Tel: 32-2-478.47.16).

Trade associations:

FEBELBOIS (wood products only). Koningsstraat 109-111, 1000 Brussels.