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**BELGIAN LEADERS**

As with the DC research, a number of outfits in Brussels do not have transatlantic representation, but nonetheless fare particularly well in the research. **Edwin Vermulst** of Vermulst Verhaeghe & Graafsma maintains his position as one of the practice areas stars, once again emerging as the most nominated practitioner outside of the US. Praised as "rigorous and tenacious", he has an "excellent reputation for anti-dumping". **Folkert Graafsma** was consistently nominated, especially for his excellent litigation skills.

Edwin Vermulst has practised international trade law and policy in Washington DC and Brussels since 1985 and is a founding partner of Vermulst Verhaeghe & Graafsma Advocaten. He is a member of the Brussels bar A-list. Mr Vermulst graduated from the University of Utrecht in 1983 and obtained LLM and SJD degrees from the University of Michigan Law School in 1984 and 1986.

Mr Vermulst specialises in the defence of multinationals, trade associations, exporters and importers in EC commercial defence and customs proceedings, for example, in the on-going anti-dumping proceedings involving footwear, DVDs and CD-Rs.

Mr Vermulst was a WTO panellist and has been involved in WTO dispute settlement proceedings as a member of the delegation, most recently in EC-Certain customs matters. He has (co-)authored eight books, including landmark comparative analyses of the anti-dumping systems of Australia, Canada, the EC and the US with Professor John Jackson in 1989 and of rules of origin with Jacques Bourgeois and Paul Waer in 1994, and numerous articles. His last book on the WTO Anti-Dumping Agreement was published in 2006 by Oxford University Press. Mr Vermulst is a member of the faculty of the World Trade Institute in Bern and teaches at the Amsterdam Law School. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of World Trade* and the *Global Trade and Customs Journal*.

Mr Vermulst is invariably selected as a top trade practitioner by publications such as *Who's Who Legal*, *Legal 500*, *Chambers Global* and the *Rushford* report.