

Sample International Co. Suffix Definitions



<u>Country</u>	<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Literal Translation</u>
Austria	AG	<i>Aktiengesellschaft.</i> Translates to “stock corporation”. Minimum share capital is ATS 1 M. Par value of each share must be ATS 100, ATS 500, or a multiple of ATS 1,000. AG must have both a <i>Vorstand</i> and an <i>Aufsichtsrat</i> .
Austria	EEG	<i>Eingetragene Erwerbsgesellschaft.</i> Professional partnership.
Austria	GesmbH	See GmbH.
Austria	GmbH	<i>G(es)ellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung.</i> Translates to “Company with limited liability.” Often written “GesmbH”. There must be at least two founding shareholders. Minimum share capital is ATS 500 K and at least half of this must be raised in cash. Minimum par value is ATS 1 K per share. No citizenship or residence requirement for shareholders exists, and shareholders can be other companies. If GmbH controls companies with 300 or more employees, or if company has >300 employees itself, there must be a supervisory board, which must be at least 3 members, one of whom represents the workers, and must meet at least 3 times per year. Insurance companies and mortgage banking companies are not permitted to exist in this form.
Austria	KG	<i>Kommanditgesellschaft.</i> A partnership under a legal name. Must be 2 partners, at least 1 limited partner, with liability listed in commercial register, and 1 unlimited partner.
Austria	OHG	<i>Offene Handelsgesellschaft.</i> Partnership, with at least 2 partners, who have unlimited liability.
Australia	PC Ltd	<i>Public Company Limited by Shares.</i>
Australia	P/L	<i>Pty. Ltd.</i> Proprietary limited company
Australia	Pty.	<i>Proprietary.</i> Publicly owned/managed/run as a profit-making organization
Belgium	BVBA	<i>Besloten Vennootschap met Beperkte Aansprakelijkheid.</i> Flemish language equivalent of SPRL. Means that the company is a private limited company. Capital must be at least BEF 750 K with at least BEF 250 K paid up.
Belgium	CVA	<i>Commanditaire Vennootschap op Aandelen.</i> Limited partnership with shares. Flemish language equivalent to the French language SCA.
Belgium	GCV	<i>Gewone Commanditaire Vennootschap.</i> Limited Partnership. Flemish language equivalent to French language SCS.
Belgium	NV	<i>Naamloze Vennootschap.</i> Public Limited Liability.
Belgium	SCA	<i>Societe en commandite par actions.</i> Limited partnership with share capital.
Belgium	SCS	<i>Societe en Commandite Simple.</i>
Belgium	SPRL	<i>Société Privée à Responsabilité Limitée.</i> French language equivalent to BVBA - <i>Besloten Vennootschap met Beperkte Aansprakelijkheid.</i> Flemish language equivalent of SPRL. Means company is private limited company. Capital must be at least BEF 750 K with at least BEF 250 K paid up.