

Verified Trade Settlement Framework

Milestone-based coordination for import-export deals,
bank escrow, Letter of Credit workflows, digital settlement,
and partner commission protection.

Settlement Framework

Milestone-based coordination through approved escrow, bank, Letter of Credit, and digital settlement providers.

The operating principle is simple: funds are secured first, milestones are defined in writing, QH8 delivers the agreed evidence package, and payment is released according to the approved settlement structure.

Cross-border industrial deals fail when payment, supplier evidence, compliance documents, and delivery milestones are disconnected. The buyer does not want to release funds before the supplier is verified. The supplier does not want to move forward without payment security. Partners do not want to lose commission after opening the deal. Banks and procurement teams need clear documents before capital moves.

QH8 Systems structures the settlement layer around verified milestones, approved payment rails, and written release conditions. We do not rely on verbal promises.

SUPPORTED SETTLEMENT RAILS

Rail	Best Use	How It Works
Bank Escrow	Corporate buyers, importers, exporters, and industrial clients requiring traditional banking.	Funds are deposited into a regulated third-party escrow or paymaster-controlled account. Release occurs only after the written milestone is completed and accepted.
SWIFT / SEPA Bank Transfer	Standard international corporate payments in USD, EUR, or other agreed currencies.	Payments move through normal bank rails. Where required, QH8 coordinates structure with escrow agents, paymasters, or approved financial providers.
Documentary Letter of Credit	Larger import-export, commodity, and infrastructure transactions.	The QH8 evidence package may be listed as a required presentation document. The bank releases payment only when the agreed documents are presented according to LC terms.
Digital Escrow	Counterparties legally permitted and approved to use digital settlement.	May include stablecoin settlement, smart-contract coordination, or qualified digital providers. Digital settlement is optional.
Hybrid Fiat-to-Digital	Corporate buyer pays by bank transfer while approved partners receive an agreed bank or digital payout.	A qualified provider may route or convert funds where legally available. Depends on jurisdiction, compliance approval, banking rules, and provider availability.

If the client cannot use crypto, the deal does not stop. QH8 can coordinate through fiat rails. The payment method can change. The milestone logic does not.

How the Process Works

1. Deal Structure

The buyer, supplier, QH8 Systems, and approved partners define the commercial structure: buyer, supplier, product or facility, evidence required, milestone trigger, payment rail, payout recipients, and required documents.

2. Written Agreement

Before execution begins, the agreement defines the total QH8 deployment fee, commission split, payment recipients, bank account or wallet details, delivery milestone, acceptance process, dispute process, and release conditions.

3. Funds Are Secured

The buyer, importer, factory, or project sponsor funds the agreed payment rail. This may be bank escrow, paymaster account, SWIFT transfer, SEPA transfer, Documentary Letter of Credit, digital escrow, or hybrid settlement.

4. QH8 Executes the Milestone

QH8 performs the agreed technical or documentation scope. Depending on the project, this may include supplier qualification, document review, facility data assessment, telemetry node installation, baseline data capture, or a SHA-256 sealed evidence package.

5. Buyer Acceptance

The buyer, importer, project sponsor, or approved counterparty reviews the delivered package. Once the agreed milestone is accepted, the release instruction is triggered.

6. Payment Release

The escrow agent, paymaster, bank, LC process, or approved settlement provider releases funds according to the written structure. Payout follows the agreement, not informal promises.

Capital must be secured before technical execution begins. No serious execution begins on verbal agreement alone.

MILESTONE EXAMPLES

- Supplier qualification completed.
- Document review completed.
- Facility data assessment completed.
- Telemetry node installed and activated.
- Baseline operational data captured.
- SHA-256 sealed evidence package generated.
- Digital Supply Chain Passport delivered.
- CBAM-readiness package delivered.
- Battery Passport data-support package delivered.
- Buyer due diligence summary delivered.
- Written milestone sign-off completed.

Partner Commission Protection

QH8 Systems uses a structured partner model for qualified opportunities. The model is designed to protect serious partners who create real commercial access on the supply side, the demand side, or both sides of the transaction.

Partner Role	What They Control	Typical Function
Supply-Side Partner	Factory, producer, exporter, or origin-side facility relationship.	Factory introduction, management access, local coordination, supplier-side documentation support, and origin-market intelligence.
Demand-Side Partner	Buyer, importer, developer, procurement team, or project owner relationship.	Buyer introduction, procurement need identification, importer-side compliance concern, trade-finance requirement, and demand-side intelligence.
Closed-Loop Partner	Both the origin-side supplier and the buyer, importer, developer, or project owner.	Controls both sides of the opportunity and removes acquisition friction from the transaction. This is the highest-value partner position.

STANDARD COMMISSION LOGIC

For qualified QH8 projects, up to 50% of the contract value may be allocated to approved originating partners, depending on role, deal control, written agreement, jurisdiction, payment rail, project scope, and confirmed client payment.

Party	Standard Allocation	Trigger
Supply-Side Partner	25%	Originates the facility, factory, producer, exporter, or supplier relationship.
Demand-Side Partner	25%	Originates the buyer, importer, developer, procurement team, or project owner relationship.
QH8 Core	50%	Provides technical delivery, documentation structure, evidence package, and execution coordination.
Closed-Loop Partner	Up to 50%	Controls both the supplier side and the demand side of the transaction.

Example Settlement Flow

Example: \$20,000 QH8 Deployment

A factory needs QH8 telemetry, due diligence support, and a sealed evidence package for a European importer. One partner controls the factory relationship. Another partner controls the buyer relationship. The buyer deposits the project fee into the agreed escrow or settlement rail.

Participant	Role	Split	Illustrative Payout
Buyer / Importer	Funds the QH8 deployment settlement rail.	Deposit	\$20,000
QH8 Core	Provides telemetry, data sealing, documentation, and execution coordination.	50%	\$10,000
Supply-Side Partner	Introduced the factory and secured local access.	25%	\$5,000
Demand-Side Partner	Introduced the buyer or importer requirement.	25%	\$5,000

Closed-Loop Example

If one approved partner controls both the factory and the buyer, the partner-side allocation may be combined. In the same \$20,000 example, QH8 Core may receive \$10,000 and the closed-loop partner may receive \$10,000, subject to written agreement and confirmed client payment.

All payout examples are illustrative. Final payout depends on written agreement, verified role, project scope, jurisdiction, payment rail, taxes, compliance approval, and confirmed client payment.

WHY THIS PROTECTS THE DEAL

Risk	Settlement Protection
Verbal commission risk	Approved partners know what they are owed before execution begins.
Hidden payment conditions	Milestones are written before funds move.
Manual tracking confusion	Payout recipients and release conditions are defined in advance.
Crypto restriction	If the client cannot use crypto, QH8 can coordinate through fiat rails.
Direct fund holding risk	QH8 Systems coordinates structure through qualified third-party providers where regulated payment handling is required.

Required Settlement Intake

Before a project enters settlement coordination, QH8 Systems needs practical transaction information. This allows the team to identify the correct settlement rail, milestone trigger, documentation pathway, and partner allocation.

- Buyer name and country.
- Supplier name and country of origin.
- Product, facility type, or infrastructure asset.
- Destination market and intended trade route.
- Estimated contract or deployment value.
- Required documents or buyer-side compliance requests.
- Current payment structure or preferred settlement rail.
- Partner role: supply-side, demand-side, or closed-loop.
- Milestone trigger expected by the buyer, bank, or project sponsor.
- Urgency: immediate deal, delayed project, compliance deadline, financing requirement, or cost-reduction target.
- Main trade, compliance, infrastructure, or supplier-data risk.

COMMON USE CASES

- CBAM documentation projects.
- Supplier due diligence reviews.
- Factory data verification.
- Import-export evidence packages.
- Digital Supply Chain Passports.
- Battery Passport data-support packages.
- Energy evidence reports.
- Infrastructure data reviews.
- Trade-finance documentation support.
- Partner commission-protected transactions.

COMPLIANCE BOUNDARY

QH8 Systems is not a bank, money transmitter, exchange, customs broker, statutory auditor, law firm, or official certification body. QH8 Systems does not hold client funds directly. Where regulated banking, escrow, legal, customs, or payment services are required, QH8 Systems coordinates with qualified third-party providers, escrow agents, paymasters, banks, legal advisors, or licensed financial institutions.

Our role is to structure the evidence, milestone logic, documentation pathway, and commercial coordination around verifiable execution.

QH8 Systems - Secure the funds. Define the milestone. Release on evidence.