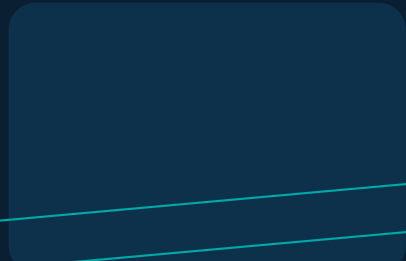
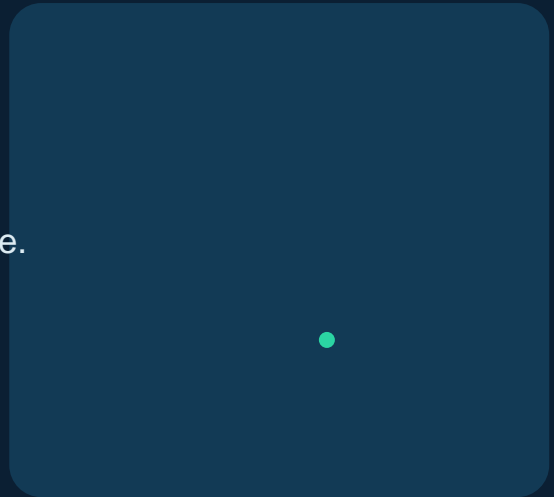


Supplier Due Diligence Checklist

Buyer-risk review before purchase orders, escrow releases, or trade-finance decisions move.



Use this document to identify supplier evidence gaps before the deal is committed.
For importers, exporters, procurement teams, infrastructure developers, traders, and industrial buyers.

Due Diligence

Check the supplier before the deal moves.

Cross-border trade fails when buyers rely on weak supplier documents, incomplete factory data, and unverified compliance claims. QH8 Systems helps importers, exporters, procurement teams, and project owners review supplier evidence before purchase orders, escrow releases, or trade-finance decisions move forward.

The core question is simple: **Can the supplier prove the data behind the shipment?**

<p>Supplier Verification</p> <p>Review the supplier profile, production readiness, export history, documentation quality, and ability to support buyer-side requirements.</p>	<p>Document Review</p> <p>Review certificates, energy records, production declarations, technical files, origin documents, and shipment-related records.</p>
<p>CBAM Readiness</p> <p>For EU-facing goods, identify whether the supplier can support CBAM-related data requests with structured evidence.</p>	<p>Trade-Risk Screening</p> <p>Identify evidence gaps before purchase orders, escrow releases, letters of credit, or buyer commitments move forward.</p>

When to Use This Checklist

Use it when:	Risk it helps expose:
<p><input type="checkbox"/> You are reviewing a new supplier.</p>	<p>Unknown factory capability, weak documentation, or unclear ownership.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A purchase order is about to be released.</p>	<p>Buyer commits capital before evidence is complete.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Escrow or LC terms are being discussed.</p>	<p>Payment milestones are not tied to evidence delivery.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The goods may face CBAM or carbon-data pressure.</p>	<p>Supplier cannot support required production or emissions data.</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Documents look complete but cannot be verified.</p>	<p>Paperwork exists, but data traceability is weak.</p>

Buyer Checklist: Supplier and Product Evidence

Use this page before issuing a purchase order, releasing escrow funds, or accepting supplier compliance claims.

Area	Questions to Confirm	Status
Supplier Identity	Legal entity name, registration number, ownership, operating address, export license status, authorized signatory, and contact person.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Factory Reality	Does the supplier operate the production site, subcontract production, trade third-party goods, or aggregate material from multiple origins?	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Product Scope	Product type, HS code if available, grade/specification, production method, batch definition, and monthly or quarterly volume.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Origin Evidence	Country of origin, plant location, raw-material source, production route, shipment route, and supporting origin documents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Production Capacity	Can the supplier prove the capacity required for the contract volume without vague claims or unsupported declarations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Energy Records	Electricity and fuel records, billing evidence, operating-period data, production-volume correlation, and major energy-consuming process notes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Certificates	Quality certificates, product test certificates, factory certificates, prior audit records, ISO or other management system documents where available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing
Buyer References	Evidence of prior exports, buyer references, repeat shipment history, rejected shipments, claims, delays, or documentation disputes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Weak <input type="checkbox"/> Missing

CBAM and Regulated-Trade Review

Use this section for EU-facing materials and other regulated trade where supplier data quality affects buyer exposure.

Risk Area	What to Ask the Supplier	Evidence Quality
CBAM Exposure	Is the product potentially exposed to CBAM-related data requirements or buyer-side carbon documentation requests?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing
Production Data	Can the supplier link production volumes to energy and process records for the same reporting period?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing
Emissions Inputs	Are electricity, fuel, heat, process-input, and production-volume records available in a structured format?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing
Document Traceability	Do certificates and declarations connect to the specific facility, product, batch, and shipment being sold?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing
Audit Support	Can the supplier answer buyer, auditor, bank, or insurer questions without relying only on manual spreadsheets?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing
Evidence Gap	If documents are weak, is there a path to generate stronger facility-level evidence before the deal moves?	[] Strong [] Unclear [] Missing

Red Flags

High-Risk Signal	Why It Matters
Supplier says data is available but cannot provide source records.	The buyer may be relying on a summary without a traceable evidence chain.
Documents are prepared by a broker, not the producing facility.	Origin, production, or emissions claims may not match the actual production site.
Energy records and production volumes cover different periods.	The buyer cannot validate product intensity or operational consistency.
Supplier refuses facility-level review before payment.	The buyer may be asked to commit capital before the evidence gap is known.

Trade Evidence Intake Form

Complete this page before requesting a QH8 Systems due diligence review. It helps qualify the supplier, product, evidence gap, and urgency.

Field	Details
Buyer / importer name	
Supplier / exporter name	
Country of origin	
Destination country	
Product type / material	
HS code / product specification if known	
Monthly or quarterly volume	
Current trade stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier search <input type="checkbox"/> Quote received <input type="checkbox"/> PO pending <input type="checkbox"/> Escrow / LC pending <input type="checkbox"/> Shipment pending
Documents currently available	<input type="checkbox"/> Company registration <input type="checkbox"/> Product certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Origin documents <input type="checkbox"/> Energy records <input type="checkbox"/> Production records <input type="checkbox"/> Carbon data <input type="checkbox"/> Prior audit / inspection
Main concern	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplier credibility <input type="checkbox"/> CBAM data <input type="checkbox"/> Origin risk <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity risk <input type="checkbox"/> Document gaps <input type="checkbox"/> Payment release risk <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Payment structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank wire <input type="checkbox"/> Escrow <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Credit <input type="checkbox"/> Paymaster <input type="checkbox"/> Digital settlement where legal <input type="checkbox"/> Not decided
Decision deadline / urgency	
Contact person and email	

QH8 Systems Review Process

1	Supplier Intake	Collect supplier, product, facility, country, shipment, payment, and commercial-context information.
2	Document Review	Review declarations, certificates, energy data, production records, origin documents, and export files.
3	Evidence Gap Analysis	Identify what is missing, weak, inconsistent, unsupported, or disconnected from the transaction.
4	Technical Data Path	Where needed, QH8 Technologies can support facility-level telemetry and digital evidence generation.
5	Buyer-Ready Output	Package the findings into a clear due diligence summary for commercial decision-making.

What You May Receive

Output	Purpose
Supplier Risk Summary	Plain-language summary of supplier credibility and evidence position.
CBAM Readiness Review	Review of CBAM-related data gaps for EU-facing materials where relevant.
Document Gap Report	List of missing, inconsistent, outdated, or unsupported records.
Evidence Request List	Specific documents or data points the buyer should request before commitment.
Settlement Milestone Notes	Suggested evidence checkpoints before escrow release, LC presentation, or payment approval.

Connected to QH8 Technologies

QH8 Systems is the commercial and trade layer. QH8 Technologies is the technical evidence layer. When supplier documents are not enough, QH8 Technologies can support facility-level evidence through non-invasive telemetry, operational data review, and SHA-256 sealed documentation. QH8 Systems then structures that evidence for due diligence, import-export review, CBAM readiness, and trade decision support.

Compliance Boundary and Next Step

Our Role

QH8 Systems is not a customs broker, statutory auditor, law firm, bank, exchange, or official certification body. We provide technical evidence review, supplier due diligence support, documentation structuring, and trade-risk screening.

Where regulated legal, customs, banking, escrow, or certification services are required, QH8 Systems coordinates with qualified third-party providers.

Check the Supplier Before You Commit

Before you release a purchase order, escrow payment, or trade-finance instruction, verify the supplier documentation and evidence position. QH8 Systems helps structure the review before the transaction moves.

Recommended Website Button Text

Start Due Diligence Review

Information to submit to QH8 Systems:

- Supplier name, country, and facility location
- Product type, specification, and monthly or quarterly volume
- Destination market and expected shipment route
- Documents currently available from the supplier
- Main concern: CBAM, origin, capacity, pricing, escrow, LC, or document gaps
- Deadline for purchase order, payment release, or trade-finance decision

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