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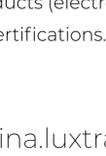
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📌 Avoid guesswork and headaches. Use this **checklist to vet suppliers** like a boss—without needing a PhD in Supplier Detective Work. 🗨

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## Step 1: Verify Legal Credentials

Ensure your supplier operates legally and transparently:

- 🔍 Request Their **Uniform Social Credit Code (USCC)**:
  - China's official business identifier, required for all registered entities.
  - 🔍 Cross-Check on Government Platforms:
    - Use the [National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System](#) to confirm:
      - a. Registration status (active, suspended, or revoked).
      - b. Business scope alignment (e.g., manufacturing vs. trading).
      - c. No history of "abnormal operations" (tax issues, fraud).
    - 🔍 Validate Export Licenses (If Applicable):
      - For regulated products (electronics, textiles), confirm IEC/ISO certifications.

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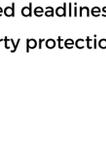
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## Step 2: Conduct a Thorough Factory Audit

**Note:** Always prioritize on-site audits or hire a third-party inspector.

- ✅ **Production Capacity Verification:**
  - Number of production lines and workers.
  - Machinery condition (modern vs. outdated equipment).
- ✅ **Quality Control Processes:**
  - Inspection protocols (pre-production, during production, final).
  - Compliance with international standards (AQL levels, testing reports).
- ✅ **Ethical and Safety Standards:**
  - Fair labor practices (no child labor, safe working conditions).
  - Environmental compliance (waste disposal, emissions).

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## Step 3: Evaluate Supplier Reliability

🚩 **Red Flags to Avoid:**

- Unusual Payment Terms: Requests for 100% upfront payments.
- Vague Contracts: Missing quality clauses, delivery timelines, or penalty terms.
- Lack of References: Refusal to share client testimonials or contactable references.

🟢 **Green Flags to Prioritize:**

- Willingness to sign NDAs and detailed contracts.
- Transparent communication (responsive, English-speaking staff).
- Membership in industry associations (e.g., CCPIT, CCCME).

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## Step 4: Validate Through Third Parties

**Client References:**

- Request 3-5 references from businesses in your industry.
- Ask about on-time delivery, defect rates, and dispute resolution.

**Third-Party Certifications:**

- ISO 9001 (quality management), ISO 14001 (environmental).
- Industry-specific certifications (e.g., BSCI for textiles, RoHS for electronics).

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## Step 5: Negotiate with Confidence

📄 **Key Contract Clauses to Include:**

- Quality specifications (materials, tolerances).
- Penalties for missed deadlines or defects.
- Intellectual property protection (if providing designs).

💡 **Pro Tip:**

- Use a phased payment structure (e.g., 30% deposit, 70% post-inspection).

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## Why This Works:

- **Proven Framework:** Developed from 10+ years of sourcing experience.
- **Risk Mitigation:** Covers legal, operational, and ethical factors.
- **Time-Saving:** Skip guesswork and focus on growing your business.

## Need Expert Support?

- Let **LUXTRADO** handle supplier vetting, audits, and negotiations—so you can focus on what you do best.

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