Third-Party Reality Check

ILLUSTRATIVE PRODUCT DECISION GUIDE | PUBLIC-SOURCE AND SERVICE METHODOLOGY

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1. Cover copy: question and promise

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The first decision: Can supplier identity, capability and country exposure be supported before award?

Use this review when: Supplier onboarding, award decision or disruption.

Target reader: Procurement directors, vendor-risk leaders and manufacturers.

Illustrative subtitle: A clearly bounded external-evidence review identifying what original records substantiate, which claims are contested and what the client must request before relying on an assertion.

2. The buyer decision and research boundary

The decision owner must resolve: **Can supplier identity, capability and country exposure be supported before award?** The matter is activated by a documented event such as **supplier onboarding, award decision or disruption**. This specimen is intentionally subject-neutral. For the real commission, the research team must insert the actual named entity, decision date, jurisdiction, exact wording of the challenged claim and period before claiming anything factual.

Agreed scope model: One named subject or event; up to three material claims; agreed source jurisdictions and date window.

What is not automatically included: unbounded jurisdictions, confidential database access, professional regulated opinions, private surveillance, hardware or onsite testing, urgent escalation and any undisclosed third-party subscription costs.

3. What the buyer provides before instruction

- Exact name and identifiers of the relevant company, asset, product, person or project and its jurisdiction.
- The decision they must make, their deadline and the particular assertion or document that prompted it.
- Lawfully sharable materials, with any personal and confidential information minimised.
- Details of known adverse records, disputes and contradictory accounts, rather than a one-sided brief.
- Approval of the written scope, access conditions, final fee, permitted reliance and independent reviewer.

4. Investigative questions prepared for the real commission

- Can supplier identity, capability and country exposure be supported before award?

- Which company registry establishes the relevant subject, version and reporting period?
- Could multiple names not matched overturn the decision-relevant statement?
- What original permit record supports an independent cross-check rather than repeating the same source?
- Which dated records would distinguish claimed capacity not sourced from a genuine discrepancy?
- What source result would justify a specialist referral rather than a research conclusion?

5. Evidence acquisition order and verification method

- **Resolve the subject.** Start with `company registry` and capture issuer, entity match, record date, retrieval timestamp and original identifier.
- **Triangulate.** Compare `permit record` against the first source, testing whether both genuinely derive from independent originals.
- **Establish sequence.** Examine `buyer-provided supplier proposal` and order assertion, contemporaneous record, amendment and current status.
- **Seek negative evidence.** Test `multiple names not matched`, `claimed capacity not sourced` and `undisclosed affiliated bidder` with documented competing hypotheses.
- **Document the cutoff.** Name what is inaccessible, subscription-controlled, outdated or outside jurisdiction, and stop when the evidence cannot support more.
- **Human review.** Route legal, audit, security, engineering, medical, valuation or licensing questions to an authorised professional if applicable.

Why an evidence analyst is involved: Reconcile supplier identity, facilities, filings, public contracts and adverse events. The value exists only when the recorded work improves the buyer's decision beyond readily accessible search results, an internal analyst or a self-service AI summary.

6. Ready-to-typeset example evidence matrix

Question/claim; First applicable original record; Best competing evidence; Illustrative state before casework; Next evidence action

Identity, legal capacity and exact subject; `company registry`; Alias/period mismatch; Not yet examined; Obtain verified legal or asset identifier

Main decision assertion; `permit record`; `multiple names not matched`; Not yet examined; Request original dated statement and counter-record

Material event timing; `buyer-provided supplier proposal`; `claimed capacity not sourced`; Not yet examined; Reconcile dated event and publication chronology

Adverse exception; Independent contrary source; `undisclosed affiliated bidder`; Not yet examined; Ask precise targeted contradictory question

Meaning of statuses (for the eventual real report):

Evidence state; Meaning for the decision owner

Supported; Applicable original records support the narrowly worded claim for the stated time and entity.

Partially supported; Some elements are established, while material qualifiers, scope or periods remain open.

Contradicted; A more reliable applicable record conflicts with the proposed assertion.

Unresolved; Accessible evidence is absent, ambiguous, outdated or conflicting; further documents are required.

Outside mandate; The question requires a reserved professional function or additional agreed research.

7. Concrete specimen outputs (without fictional findings)

Output committed for this product: Source coverage sheet, first three contradictions or gaps, clear next-record requests.

Suggested report artifacts:

- **Supplier Evidence Card**: rows for evidence question, entity match, issuer, record identifier, effective date, retrieval date, contrary document, confidence explanation and reviewer disposition.
- **Risk Escalation Register**: a table distinguishing event dates, record publication dates, claim dates, subsequent amendment and unresolved chronological gaps.
- **Quarterly Refresh Brief**: a controlled clarification list addressed to the relevant source owner or instructing professional.
- A concise executive decision note stating what may be relied upon for the specified purpose and which matters remain unresolved.

Editorial visual specification: Include one actual evidence matrix or original-record timeline only when underlying evidence exists. Never insert decorative charts, fabricated relationships, arbitrary ratings or imaginary completed cases.

8. Source acquisition catalogue for this offer

These are real portals and competitor-method references to evaluate, not proof of any specific subject. Access, freshness, jurisdiction and licensing must be rechecked during production.

Ref; Primary source / comparator; Link; Evidence limitation and status

EBA-2026; European Banking Authority: 18 September 2026 final third-party risk guidelines; https://www.eba.europa.eu/publications-and-media/press-releases/eba-publishes-its-final-guidelines-management-third-party-risk-delivering-more-proportionate-and; WEB CHECKED 2026-10-12. Current official press release; focus on lifecycle for critical/important functions; final applicability must be checked separately

INTEGRITY; IntegrityNext: Supplier assessment collection and risk platform; https://helpdesk.integritynext.com/hc/en-us/articles/360018458320-What-is-IntegrityNext; WEB CHECKED 2026-10-12. Self-reported questionnaires have distinct evidentiary limitations

S11; OECD Responsible Business Conduct guidance; https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/sub-issues/due-diligence-guidance-for-responsible-business-conduct.html; REGISTER STARTING POINT; NOT NEWLY RECHECKED. Source candidate; subject relevance, date and access must be verified case-by-case.

9. Deliberately adverse questions and professional boundary

- If `multiple names not matched`, does the strongest original record still justify the same assertion?
- Could `claimed capacity not sourced` result from a date mismatch, name collision, incomplete publication or source-update lag?
- What would demonstrate `undisclosed affiliated bidder` and require a 'cannot determine' outcome?
- **Professional boundary:** No ISO certification, physical supplier audit certification or quality guarantee.

10. How a reader commissions the real product

The reader identifies the subject, decision date and three most material questions and requests a **written scope and fixed fee** through the existing website pathway: `/specialist-divisions/supply-chain-procurement-third-party-intelligence/offers/evidence-first-look/`. An initial enquiry must not contain confidential attachments. No work begins, payment occurs or information is treated as professionally verified until human acceptance, conflicts, lawful sourcing, pricing and the secure handoff process are complete. This illustrated manuscript does not constitute an offer to undertake regulated activity.

11. Production / reliance quality checklist

- Confirm the appointing client, exact research question, relevant location, decision date, conflicts, privacy, sanctions and licensing.
- Check original source identity, authority, issue date, effective date, retrieval timestamp, version and lawful access.
- Reproduce important calculations and compare at least one plausible contrary explanation.
- Keep allegations, regulatory findings, historical claims and unresolved matches distinct.
- Mark each proposed finding supported, partially supported, contradicted, unresolved or outside mandate; include missing-source requests.
- Confirm that illustrations do not imply a real engagement, completed investigation, certified outcome or affiliation with named comparators.
- Obtain final human sign-off on accuracy, legal boundaries, confidentiality, claims and publication version before release.

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