# Franchise Operator Intelligence: Illustrative Evidence Brief

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**No completed client matter is represented.** This document demonstrates questions, evidence requirements, limitations and possible deliverables. It contains no verified findings about a named buyer or company. A matter, source access, fixed fee and timing require separate written acceptance.

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## Commissioned decision

This specialist review focuses on **Franchise Operator Intelligence**, within **Retail, E-Commerce, Hospitality & Sports Intelligence**. The decision owner asks: **Which operator, outlet, seller and public commercial-rights assertions hold up?** The specific fact being tested, relevant entity, territory and historical period must be defined before any casework.

## Narrow first commission

Investigate one named subject, one agreed current-versus-historical claim, the most relevant `state franchise registration` and one independent cross-check. Stop if original records are unavailable or the decision cannot be resolved in the agreed scope.

## Original-record plan

- Source the exact original `state franchise registration` and capture jurisdiction, publisher and date.
- Verify identity against `retail permit` and document whether it is independent.
- Test `unverified franchise operator` as a rival explanation.
- Check the alternative `seller identity missing` rather than treating an unreturned search result as exculpatory.
- Ask whether `retail claims overstate locations` would require the decision owner to commission a qualified specialist.

## Illustrative two-page PDF composition

**Page 1:** Case-neutral purpose, exact research questions, allowed source universe and decision relevance; do not name a supposed real client.

**Page 2:** Source-to-question matrix with no fabricated findings, a material contradiction register, a precise request for the missing original records and reliance boundaries.

**Specific deliverable tables:** store/entity crosswalk, franchise announcement test, merchant reality brief.

## Example report table (empty until an authorised case)

Evidence question; Proposed source; What must be verified; Result

Which entity/asset is named?; state franchise registration; Exact identifiers and record period; Not investigated in this specimen

Does the claim survive a contrary source?; retail permit; Independence, timing and scope; Not investigated in this specimen

What would change the answer?; company register; unverified franchise operator; Not investigated in this specimen

## Applicable source portals

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

FTC-ADS; U.S. FTC: Advertising substantiation standards FAQ; https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/advertising-faqs-guide-small-business; WEB CHECKED 2026-10-12. US advertising context; scientific/health claims may require specialised testing not performed by Aperture

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

S01; SEC EDGAR filings; https://www.sec.gov/search-filings; REGISTER STARTING POINT; NOT NEWLY RECHECKED. Source candidate; subject relevance, date and access must be verified case-by-case.

## Buyer action and exclusions

- Reader: Retail operators, franchise groups, rights owners and marketplace teams.
- Commercial trigger to check: Franchise expansion, supplier review, seller concern or market entry.
- Send the decision question and identifiers through the existing written-enquiry route; do not send restricted records by insecure email.
- **Professional boundary:** No sports rights legal opinion, consumer safety certification or unlawful scraping.
- Do not imply the claimed facts are proven, that this is a completed sample case, or that named competitors have endorsed Aperture.

## Release quality controls

- 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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