SAMPLE REPORT · FICTIONAL COMPANIES AND DATA

Factory Shortlist

Brief: 5,000 insulated stainless-steel bottles, 500 ml, custom laser logo, food-contact compliance for the UK market · Target landed price under £6 · Samples within 4 weeks · Delivered 23 November 2026

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Candidates screened in depth	Recommended to contact first	Contacted on your behalf (not in scope)	Ready RFQ included

Summary

Three candidates are worth contacting first. Example Drinkware Co. has the strongest public evidence: bottles are its core product, it lists food-contact test reports and regular EU exports. Example Metal Products in Türkiye offers shorter shipping to the UK but publishes no certificates, so request them before samples. Example Steelware Ltd. is capable but added bottles only in 2024. Two further candidates were screened and not recommended (see the table).

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Candidate	Public evidence	Fit and limitations	Recommendation
Example Drinkware Co. Zhejiang, China	Bottles are the core product line; catalogue shows 500 ml double-wall models; export records show regular EU shipments since 2019; LFGB / FDA food-contact test reports listed. Evidence tier: Strong (company site + export records)	MOQ 1,000 stated; laser logo in-house	Contact first
Example Metal Products İzmir, Türkiye	Stainless-steel housewares maker since 2011; bottles in catalogue; exhibits at a European housewares fair. Evidence tier: Medium (company site; no certificates)	Shorter transit to UK; certificates not published — ask before sampling	Contact first
Example Steelware Ltd. Guangdong, China	Broad kitchenware catalogue; insulated bottle line added 2024; in-house printing. Evidence tier: Medium (company site)	Newer product line — request production photos and test reports	Contact
Example Housewares Trading Ningbo, China	Website describes "factory" but company record shows a trading company; no production address found. Evidence tier: Medium (company record contradicts site)	Likely intermediary — higher price, less control	Not recommended
Example Bottle Works Gujarat, India	Plastic bottle specialist; stainless steel not shown in catalogue. Evidence tier: Medium (catalogue)	Wrong material capability	Not recommended

Status for every candidate: public evidence only — not audited, not contacted. No candidate has agreed to quote or supply.

Ready RFQ (copy and send)

Subject: RFQ — 5,000 insulated stainless-steel bottles, 500 ml, custom logo

Hello, we are [Your company], a UK brand. Please quote for: 500 ml double-wall vacuum-insulated bottle, 18/8 stainless steel, powder-coated, laser-engraved logo (1 position), individual gift box. Quantity: 5,000 (please also quote 10,000). Delivery: FOB and DDP UK. Please include: unit price, MOQ, sample cost and lead time, production lead time, food-contact test reports (LFGB or equivalent) for this model, and payment terms. Thank you.

Questions to ask before ordering samples

1. Are you the manufacturer of this exact model, and can you show the production line on a video call?
2. Please send food-contact test reports for this model, with the report number and lab name.
3. Who will be the invoicing entity and the payee on the bank details? (Check that they match before any payment.)

Method and limits

Sources: manufacturer websites and catalogues, public company records, trade-show exhibitor lists, public shipment data and certification databases. Each candidate was screened by a person against your brief. Desk research only: no factory audit, no contact made, no price or capacity confirmed. Before paying a deposit, verify the payee and documents with a specialist verification service. Full refund if the agreed scope is not delivered.

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