SAMPLE REPORT · FICTIONAL DATA

Supplier Check

Supplier: Example Industrial Co., Ltd. (fictional) · Ningbo, China · Proforma PI-2026-118 for US$18,400, 30% deposit requested · Checked 23 November 2026

VERDICT

Do not pay the deposit yet. The company is real and active, but the bank account is held by a different party than the one on the invoice.

Two issues must be cleared first (see “Questions to send before paying”).

Checks

Check	Finding	Result
Company in official register	Registered 2014, status active, registered capital CNY 5m, business scope includes the goods ordered.	Consistent
Name on proforma vs. register	Proforma issued by “Example Trading (HK) Ltd”, a different legal entity from the registered manufacturer.	Ask why
Payee name on bank details	Account holder shown as “Example Trading (HK) Ltd” at a Hong Kong bank — not the manufacturer you negotiated with.	Clear before paying
Address	Registered address matches the address on the website and proforma; satellite and street imagery show an industrial building.	Consistent
Website and email domain	Domain registered 2015; contact emails use the company domain. A second domain on the proforma was registered 6 weeks ago.	Red flag
Trade footprint	Public shipment records show regular exports under the manufacturer’s name since 2019.	Consistent
Sanctions and adverse media	No matches found on the lists and sources checked.	No match

Questions to send before paying

Send these through a contact you already trust — not by replying to the email that delivered the proforma.

1. Why is the proforma issued by Example Trading (HK) Ltd and not by the manufacturer? Please send the agreement or authorisation linking the two companies.

2. Please confirm the bank account details by phone from the number listed on your official website, and send a bank letter confirming the account holder name.

3. Why does the proforma use a second web domain that was registered only six weeks ago? Which email addresses are official?

What we could not verify

- Who controls the Hong Kong bank account. Public sources cannot prove account ownership.
- Whether the factory currently has capacity for this order. That needs an on-site audit.
- Product quality and compliance with your market’s standards.

Sources checked

National enterprise credit information register · Hong Kong Companies Registry · domain registration (WHOIS) records · public shipment and customs data · map and street imagery · consolidated sanctions lists (UN, EU, UK, US OFAC) · news and adverse-media search. Each finding is backed by a dated record kept on file and available on request.

Desk check of public evidence, reviewed by a person. It reduces risk; it does not remove it. This is not an on-site audit, a guarantee, or legal or financial advice. Full refund if the agreed scope is not delivered.

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