

# Chinese Steel Supplier Verification Checklist

Work through every item before paying a deposit. Each unchecked box is an open risk. This checklist mirrors the free interactive tool at [steelverify.com/verify](https://steelverify.com/verify).

## 1. Company identity

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- Obtained the full registered Chinese legal name and unified social credit code.
- Confirmed the company is active and in good standing on the GSXT registry.
- Registered business scope includes steel manufacturing or trading.
- Legal name matches the contract and the bank account name exactly.

## 2. Manufacturer vs. trader

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- Asked directly whether they are the mill or sourcing from a mill.
- Received a live, unscripted video walk-through of the production line.
- Cross-checked the named mill against the supplied certificates.
- Commissioned an independent on-site audit (first or large orders).

## 3. Documents and quality

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- Identified the issuing mill and all heat numbers on the certificate.
- Confirmed heat numbers and chemistry with the mill directly.
- Received the native certificate file, not a flattened screenshot.
- Planned an independent PMI test on arrival for grade-sensitive steel.

## 4. Payment terms

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- Banking details are written into the signed contract.
- Any mid-deal account change triggers a phone verification (hard stop).
- Beneficiary account is in the company name and country (not personal/third-country).
- First order uses a letter of credit or escrow rather than a deposit wire.

## 5. Inspection

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- Full container-loading supervision is specified, not just door photos.
- Inspector will photograph every layer and reconcile weights.
- Rejection criteria and tolerances are defined in the contract.
- Timestamped report is required before the balance payment is released.

## Scoring

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16 or more boxes checked: strong verification. 10 to 15: proceed with caution and close the gaps

first. Fewer than 10: insufficient - do not pay yet.