How to Verify a Chinese Factory: Audit Checklist

Buyer action checklist — print & use

Checklist

1. Collect business license, export license, and ISO 9001 certificate (verify dates).
2. Confirm production lines match your product (RO assembly, not just filter cartridges).
3. Photograph the QC lab: TDS meters, hydrostatic test rig, incoming-material area.
4. Review 3 recent inspection reports — look for real defect records, not blank passes.
5. Ask for the outsourcing list: which processes leave the building?
6. Check finished-goods warehouse: FIFO labeling, humidity control, packing standards.
7. End with a written corrective-action list and a deadline, not a handshake.