Choose Your Order Channel

Use the five topics below to prepare an evidence review. Marking a box records your notes; it does not authenticate a supplier or authorise a transaction.

- [ ] **1. Write the order quantity and customisation needs**

  Specify what the purchase must establish: a first physical sample, repeat stock or a customised batch. Record quantity by variant, the product revision, packaging and required receiving date. Keep unanswered requirements visible before deciding which purchase route can meet them.

- [ ] **2. Use a small retail purchase when it answers the sample question**

  An AliExpress listing may be useful for examining a small quantity of the actual listed item. Confirm the variant, pack count and delivery terms. Do not treat that retail item as an approved sample for a different supplier's later production.

- [ ] **3. Record the sample findings**

  Keep measurements, material, function, workmanship and packaging observations with the product reference. Identify changes you need and which points remain uncertain. A record of the differences gives a prospective bulk supplier a clearer brief than a statement that you want the same item.

- [ ] **4. Request a bulk or customised offer when the scope requires it**

  Ask Alibaba.com suppliers to quote the same specification and quantity, including sample, packaging, inspection and delivery requirements. Confirm the MOQ basis and exclusions. A small stock order and a custom production batch may have different conditions even with the same supplier.

- [ ] **5. Check the supplier and transaction before the first order**

  Identify the contracting party, product evidence, intended payment route and agreed approval milestones. Retain the order and communications. Resolve material differences before authorising payment, and agree how the actual batch will be checked before it is released.

Keep the specification, approved sample, payment record, communications and inspection plan together. Resolve material gaps before deciding whether to proceed.

Record the Basis of Your Choice

Complete this record in your own project file. Use the actual order and applicable platform rules when deciding the next action.

Order purpose, product revision and quantity by variant

Sample reference and observations still needing an answer

Customisation, packaging and production requirements

Channel under consideration and supporting offer evidence

Supplier identity, payment route and inspection milestones

Unresolved items, responsible person and review trigger

Official sources and the limits of this record

Sources checked 19 October 2026. Confirm actual supplier and order conditions.

Alibaba.com buying paths: https://buyer.alibaba.com/

AliExpress positioning: https://home.alibabagroup.com/en-US/about-alibaba-businesses-1747705938191581184

ASG sample workflow: https://asgdropship.com/services/product-sourcing/

A platform name does not establish a supplier capability, quantity entitlement, payment protection or production result. A retail sample is not automatically the approved reference for another supplier. No actual customer story or checkout outcome is presented. Retain the real offer and product evidence before deciding.