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Supplier Background Check

Supplier as presented to the client: "Shiyi Home Products, silicone kitchenware manufacturer, Ningbo"

1 Executive summary

Conclusion: trading company, not the factory. The contracting entity has no manufacturing in its registered business scope, an office address in central Ningbo and five insured employees. Production appears to take place at a company in Cixi owned by the same controlling shareholder.

Most serious finding: in August 2026 the supplier applied to register *NORDHAVN* in Class 21, almost identical to the client's brand *NORDHAVEN*, which is not registered in mainland China.

Our view: do not pay a deposit until the trademark application is dealt with and the Cixi company is bound by the contract. The supplier is not a hard stop: it shows no sign of financial distress, is not a dishonest judgment debtor and has paid the one judgment enforced against it.

2 Corporate registration

Registered name	示例（宁波）家居用品有限公司 (Shiyi (Ningbo) Home Products Co., Ltd.)
Unified social credit code	91330200SAMPLE0001 (fictitious)
Established / status	14 March 2019 · in business (存续)
Company type	Limited liability company with two individual shareholders
Registered / paid-in capital	RMB 5,000,000 subscribed, due by 13 March 2039 · RMB 500,000 paid in (2025 annual report)
Shareholders	Wang [—] 60% · Li [—] 40%
Legal representative / officers	Wang [—], legal representative and executive director · supervisor Li [—]
Business scope (summary)	Sale of household goods; wholesale of plastic and silicone products; import and export of goods. **No production or manufacturing listed.**
Registered address	Room 1608, an office building in Yinzhou District, Ningbo. The factory video sent to the client shows a plant in Cixi, about 60 km away.
Insured employees	5 (2025 annual report) · 6 (2024 annual report). The supplier's Alibaba profile claims "200+ workers".
Abnormal operations list	Listed in July 2021 for failing to file its 2020 annual report; removed in September 2021 after filing. Not currently listed.
Financial figures	Not disclosed in annual reports (permitted for private companies)

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3 Ownership and related companies

Company	Link to supplier	Status / notes
示例（慈溪）塑胶制品有限公司 (Cixi)	Wang [—] holds 70% and is legal representative; same contact phone in both annual reports	In business since 2012; plastic products manufacturing; industrial-zone address in Cixi; 64 insured employees
示例（义乌）日用品贸易有限公司 (Yiwu)	Li [—] held 100%; traded under the same Alibaba storefront name until 2024	Deregistered May 2024

The Cixi company is the one with the machines and the workers, but it is not the party the client has been dealing with. If the contract is signed only with the Ningbo company, the factory that holds the client's molds and drawings has made no promise to the client at all. The deregistered Yiwu company matters for a different reason: older quotations or bank details in the client's files may carry its name, and a payment to it now would go to a company that no longer exists.

4 Factory or trading company

Indicator	Finding	Points to
Business scope	Sales, wholesale, import and export only	Trader
Registered address	Office tower; does not match the plant in the video	Trader
Insured employees	5, against 200+ claimed	Trader
Pollutant discharge record	None for the Ningbo company. A discharge registration for "plastic products manufacturing" is held by the Cixi company at the address shown in the video	Cixi company makes the goods
Hiring, 2025–2026	Ningbo company: foreign-trade sales and merchandisers only. Cixi company: injection-molding operators and mold technicians	Trader in Ningbo, factory in Cixi
Customs registration	Ningbo company registered as consignor and consignee, standard credit rating, no customs penalties. Cixi company not registered	Ningbo company exports the Cixi goods

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5 Financial standing

No sign of financial distress at the Ningbo company: no open enforcement case, not a dishonest judgment debtor, no consumption restriction on the legal representative, and no equity freeze, equity pledge, chattel mortgage, tax arrears or bankruptcy filing. It is a general VAT taxpayer and was rated B for tax credit in 2025.

The Cixi company registered a chattel mortgage over its injection-molding machines in favour of a commercial bank in April 2025, securing a working-capital loan. That is ordinary financing, not a warning sign. It does mean the bank has a claim on equipment in the plant, so the client's molds should be clearly marked and listed as the client's property (section 10, item 3).

6 Litigation, enforcement and penalties

Year	Record	Role	Outcome
2024	Sale-of-goods dispute; domestic buyer claimed silicone lids cracked on delivery	Defendant	Judgment against supplier, RMB 86,400

2025	Sale-of-goods dispute; claim for non-conforming colour and wall thickness	Defendant	Judgment against supplier, RMB 132,000
2025	Enforcement of the 2025 judgment	Respondent	Concluded; paid in full
2025	Sale-of-goods dispute	Defendant	Court mediation; terms not published

Three claims by buyers in two years, all about the same kind of product the client is ordering. Each one alone would be unremarkable; together they say the quality terms in this contract will be tested.

Date	Authority	Reason	Penalty
June 2024	Cixi fire and rescue authority	Cixi company: finished goods stacked in a fire escape route in the warehouse; corrected	RMB 5,000

No administrative penalties found against the Ningbo company on the enterprise credit system or the customs credit platform.

7 Licences, certifications and compliance

Item	Record	Status
Pollutant discharge registration	Cixi company, plastic products manufacturing, registered 2023, valid to 2028	Valid
ISO 9001 certificate	Shown on the supplier's Alibaba profile under the Ningbo company's name. The national certification database holds no certificate for the Ningbo company; the Cixi company's certificate expired in February 2025	None current
Customs registration	Ningbo company, consignor and consignee, since 2019	Valid; standard credit

The certificate point is less about quality than about candour: the profile shows a certificate the contracting company does not hold. The client's quality protection should rest on the contract (section 10, item 5), not on a certificate. Food-contact testing and certification for the client's own market is a matter for its local compliance adviser.

8 Trademarks, patents and copyrights

Right	Details	Relevance
Trademark application	*NORDHAVN*, Class 21 (kitchen containers, silicone lids), filed 4 August 2026 by the Ningbo supplier; under examination, not yet published	Near-identical to the client's brand
Client brand	*NORDHAVEN*: no application or registration in mainland China found in any class	Gap to close now
Design patents	Two design patents held by the Cixi company for food-container lids, granted 2023; neither resembles the client's drawings	None found overlapping
Copyrights	None registered by either company	—

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9 Risk rating

Level	Issue	What to do
HIGH	Supplier's pending application for a mark almost identical to the client's brand	Before any deposit (item 1)
MEDIUM	Trading company presenting itself as the factory; the producing entity is not the contracting party	Bind the Cixi company (item 2)
MEDIUM	Three buyer claims in two years on comparable silicone products	Quality terms (item 5)
LOW	ISO 9001 claimed on the supplier's profile but not held	Quality terms (item 5)
LOW	Bank mortgage over the Cixi company's machines	Mark the molds (item 3)
LOW	Deregistered Yiwu company on old documents; one fire-safety fine (2024); abnormal-operations listing removed in 2021	One payee (item 4)

10 Recommended contract protections

1. **Trademark first.** File the client's own application for *NORDHAVEN* in Class 21 (and the Chinese brand name) now. Require the supplier to withdraw its application, or assign it to the client at no cost, before any deposit is paid. If it is published, oppose it within the opposition period (three months under the current law; two months once the revised Trademark Law takes effect on 1 January 2027).
2. **Bring the Cixi company in.** Use a three-party agreement, or have the Cixi company sign and seal its own NNN undertaking and a mold confirmation letter that waives any right to retain the molds. Name the Cixi plant as the only permitted place of production.
3. **Mark the molds.** List each mold in a schedule as the client's property, with photos and a nameplate on the mold itself, so it cannot be mistaken for the Cixi company's mortgaged equipment.
4. **One payee.** Pay only the Ningbo company's corporate account named in the contract. Any other payee, including the Yiwu company, or any change of account requires a sealed written notice and a telephone check with a known contact.
5. **Quality, given the record.** Approved samples as the standard, pre-shipment inspection by a third-party inspection company, and a right to reject and claim liquidated damages for failed batches.
6. **Disputes.** Mainland court or mainland arbitration, so that a decision can reach the supplier's and the Cixi company's assets in Zhejiang.

11 Sources and limitations

Sources: National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System (gsxt.gov.cn); China Judgments Online (wenshu.court.gov.cn); China Enforcement Information Disclosure platform (zxgk.court.gov.cn); Credit China (creditchina.gov.cn); National Pollutant Discharge Permit Management Information Platform (permit.mee.gov.cn); China Customs enterprise import and export credit information publicity platform (credit.customs.gov.cn); Certification and Accreditation Administration information platform (cx.cnca.cn); Unified Registration and Publicity System for Movable Property Financing (zhongdengwang.org.cn); CNIPA trademark and patent databases. Records as available on the search date.

Limitations: this is a public-record review, not an on-site audit or a financial investigation. Annual report figures, including insured headcount, are self-reported. Not all judgments are published, so the absence of a record proves less than its presence. Trademark applications can take time to appear in the database. Findings concern mainland China only.

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