Supplier Desk Check - Sample Report

Buyer: Riverton Industrial Supply | Subject: Foshan Lumen Flow Components Co., Ltd. | Case HT-DEMO-001

Decision snapshot - hold the deposit decision

The proposed beneficiary in D-03 is different from the quoted seller in D-01. D-04 says it is an affiliate, but the provided file does not prove the relationship or collection authority.

What is established from this file

Finding	Evidence	Meaning for buyer
Name match inside supplied materials	D-01 and D-02 show the same English seller name.	Document consistency only; legal identity is not verified.
Payee differs from seller	D-03 names Guangzhou Apex Commercial Services Ltd.; D-01 names Foshan Lumen Flow Components Co., Ltd.	A material payment question remains open before any deposit.
Affiliate explanation is unproven	D-04 states that a Guangzhou affiliate collects overseas payments.	Supplier statement only; no independent relationship or mandate evidence.
Manufacturer and terms are quoted, not checked	D-01 calls the seller a manufacturer and lists 500 valves, USD 7,400 total, 30% deposit and 30-day lead time.	No factory, specification, capability or performance verification.

Evidence labels used here

Document match: two supplied records say the same thing. Supplier claim: a statement made by the supplier. Unverified: no sufficient material in this file. None of these labels means “officially verified”.

Scope actually performed

This demonstration compares four invented text extracts (D-01 to D-04). It includes no live registry search, bank check, supplier contact, site observation or product test. The amount at issue, USD 2,220, is a calculation from mock quoted terms, not a real payment request.

Questions to close before a deposit

Priority	Request / action	Who should supply or decide
1	Confirm the contracting seller's full Chinese legal name, registration identifier and full site address; check the details against a reliable source.	Supplier provides; buyer / Howtom verifies under a new agreed scope.
2	Explain why the beneficiary differs. Obtain written collection authority and documents linking the beneficiary to the contracting seller; independently validate through a trusted channel.	Supplier provides; buyer confirms payment instructions through its own controls.
3	Confirm seller and beneficiary names across the purchase order, invoice and payment instruction before transfer.	Buyer and supplier.
4	If production capability matters, agree a separate visit or specialist inspection with a checklist and access permission.	Buyer decides; Howtom scopes separately.

Evidence register

ID	Source in this demo	Supports / does not support
D-01	Fictional quotation extract	Quoted seller, product, price, quantity, deposit and lead time; not actual capacity.
D-02	Fictional supplier company summary	Internal name and location statement; not registry verification.
D-03	Fictional payment instruction	Different beneficiary name; no account data or account ownership check.
D-04	Fictional supplier email	Supplier explanation only; not affiliation or collection authority.

Decision and next service

Buyer action: keep the deposit decision open until the payee difference has a documented explanation and independent checks are completed. This is a risk-control recommendation, not a fraud finding. If an on-site presence check in Foshan is useful, agree the address, access, checklist, timing and travel cost in a new written scope.

Sample only: all parties and materials are fictional. Howtom has not investigated a real supplier or delivered this work to a real buyer. A desk check cannot certify legal status, account ownership, manufacturing capability or quality.