

Knitwear Manufacturer Vetting Checklist

25 checks to run before you place a first order. From Kiwi Giyim (kiwigiyim.com) - a founder-led flat-knit factory in Turkiye. Use it on any factory, including us.

Is it a real factory?

- ☐ 1. Do they own machines, or are they a trading agent/middleman?
- ☐ 2. Can they show the actual production floor (video call / photos)?
- ☐ 3. Flat-knit depth: Shima Seiki / Stoll? Gauge range they run?
- ☐ 4. How many years knitting, and what do they specialise in?

Minimums & samples

- ☐ 5. MOQ per colour AND per style - stated clearly?
- ☐ 6. Sample cost and lead time - in writing?
- ☐ 7. Will they do a counter-sample after corrections?
- ☐ 8. Do samples reflect true bulk quality?

Price & terms

- ☐ 9. Quote broken down (yarn / CMT / trims / freight)?
- ☐ 10. Incoterm clear (FOB / DDP) and what's included?
- ☐ 11. Payment terms - deposit % and balance trigger?
- ☐ 12. Any hidden costs (lab dips, testing, moulds)?

Compliance (US import)

- ☐ 13. Yarn origin - non-Xinjiang (UFLPA) with docs?
- ☐ 14. FTC fibre + care labelling handled?
- ☐ 15. CPSIA testing/tracking for kids styles?
- ☐ 16. Country-of-origin marking correct?
- ☐ 17. Can they pass supplier certificates (GOTS/OEKO-TEX)?

Communication & trust

- ☐ 18. Reply speed and clear English?
- ☐ 19. One accountable contact, or a rotating inbox?
- ☐ 20. References or verifiable past work?
- ☐ 21. Will they sign an NDA?
- ☐ 22. Do they make their own competing brand?

Logistics

- ☐ 23. Realistic bulk lead time (weeks) in writing?
- ☐ 24. Transit time + port to the US - confirmed?
- ☐ 25. Who books freight and handles customs docs?

A good factory answers all 25 without hesitation. If they dodge MOQ, samples or compliance - keep looking. Questions? kiwigiyim.com/en-us/contact/