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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 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)
Registered / paid-in capital	RMB 5,000,000 subscribed · RMB 500,000 paid in (2025 annual report)
Shareholders	Wang [—] 60% (also legal representative) · Li [—] 40%
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). 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.

3 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 related Cixi company	Trader; Cixi company makes the goods
Customs registration	Registered consignor and consignee; standard credit rating; no customs penalties found	Neutral: exports in its own name
Related company	示例（慈溪）塑胶制品有限公司: 70% owned by Wang [—]; manufacturing in scope; industrial-zone address in Cixi; 64 insured employees	Likely actual manufacturer

4 Litigation, enforcement and penalties

Year	Record	Outcome
2024	Sale-of-goods dispute, supplier as defendant; domestic buyer claimed silicone lids cracked on delivery	Judgment against supplier, RMB 86,400
2025	Sale-of-goods dispute, supplier as defendant; claim for non-conforming colour and wall thickness	Judgment against supplier, RMB 132,000
2025	Enforcement of the 2025 judgment	Concluded; paid in full
2025	Sale-of-goods dispute, supplier as defendant	Court mediation; terms not published

Not listed as a dishonest judgment debtor; no consumption restriction on the legal representative; no administrative penalties found on the enterprise credit system or the customs credit platform.

5 Trademarks and patents

Right	Details	Relevance
Trademark application	<i>NORDHAVN</i> , 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	<i>NORDHAVEN</i> : 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

6 Risk indicators

Level	Issue
HIGH	Supplier's pending application for a mark almost identical to the client's brand
MEDIUM	Trading company presenting itself as the factory; the producing entity is not the contracting party
MEDIUM	Two quality judgments in two years on comparable silicone products
LOW	Past abnormal-operations listing (removed 2021); enforced judgment paid in full

7 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. **One payee.** Pay only the Ningbo company's corporate account named in the contract. Any change of account requires a sealed written notice and a telephone check with a known contact.
4. **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.
5. **Disputes.** Mainland court or mainland arbitration, so that a decision can reach the supplier's and the Cixi company's assets in Zhejiang.

8 Sources and limitations

Sources: National Enterprise Credit Information Publicity System (gsxt.gov.cn); China Judgments Online; China Enforcement Information Disclosure platform (zxgk.court.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); CNIPA trademark and patent databases. Records as available on the search date.

Limitations: this is a public-record review, not an on-site audit. 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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