

## Operational Advisory: China Export Compliance – Vendor Responsibilities Reminder

Dear Valued Customer,

Following our earlier advisory regarding the stricter Customs and Export Compliance regulations implemented in China on 1 October 2025, we would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that your suppliers in China are fully compliant with these requirements.

### Key Reminder – Vendor Compliance

As per current regulations:

- Export declarations must reflect the actual manufacturer and cargo owner
- Goods must be sourced through formal, tax-compliant channels
- All documentation must be fully consistent and verifiable

### Brand / Intellectual Property (IP) Compliance

We would like to specifically highlight the increased focus on brand and intellectual property controls:

- If a shipment contains items from a registered brand, the supplier must hold valid authorization from the brand owner to export these goods
- In the absence of such authorization:
  - Shipments may be detained during customs inspection
  - Goods may be confiscated
  - Fines or penalties may be imposed by the authorities

### Operational Impact

Supplier non-compliance can result in:

- Full shipment delays or cancellation of export
- Additional costs (inspection, storage, repositioning)
- Increased operational complexity and lead time

### Required Actions

To mitigate risks, we strongly recommend that you:

- Ensure your suppliers:
  - Are fully compliant with current Chinese export regulations
  - Provide complete and accurate export documentation
  - Confirm brand authorization where applicable
- Avoid sourcing from suppliers where compliance cannot be verified

For questions or support, please contact your usual Marinetrans representative.