How to Verify a Kazakhstan Company

About to pay a deposit to a Kazakhstan supplier or sign with a distributor? You can confirm the basics yourself in official registers in less than an hour. What the registers cannot show — who really controls the company and how it behaves — needs a deeper check before large payments or exclusive agreements.

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Key points

- Ask for the BIN — the 12-digit business identification number. It makes every search exact.
- Official online services show registration data, tax information and enforcement proceedings.
- A clean register is not a clean company: ownership, conduct and real capacity need references and a site visit.
- Repeat the check before key payments in a long relationship — records change.

Start with the BIN

Every Kazakhstan legal entity has a 12-digit business identification number (BIN). It normally appears on invoices, contracts and commercial offers. Searching by name alone risks confusing companies with similar names, so ask the counterparty for the BIN before anything else.

Check registration data

The Bureau of National Statistics offers a public search by BIN that confirms the company is registered and shows its basic registration data. Compare the name, address and head of the company with the documents you received. A mismatch is a reason to stop and ask questions.

Check tax status

The State Revenue Committee's taxpayer search shows information published about taxpayers, including tax debts and inclusion in lists such as unreliable taxpayers. A company in liquidation, recognised as inactive or carrying significant tax debt is a poor recipient of an advance payment.

Check enforcement proceedings

The Ministry of Justice register of debtors shows enforcement proceedings. Open proceedings can mean frozen accounts or assets, which directly affects a supplier's ability to deliver or refund.

Court cases

Litigation history shows how a company deals with customers, suppliers and employees. Check whether it appears as a defendant in commercial disputes, especially claims for non-delivery or unpaid debts. Court records need to be read, not just counted: the substance of the claims matters.

What registers cannot tell you

Registers show status and records, not behaviour. The founder on paper may not be the person in control, a company may have no warehouse or staff behind its address, and new claims can appear the week after your check.

- Ownership tracing to beneficial owners and affiliated companies
- References from customers and suppliers
- Site visit with photo and video verification
- Review of the contract, invoice and payment terms you were offered

Red flags

- The BIN on the invoice does not match the company name or the contract.
- Payment requested to an individual or to a company other than the seller.
- Recent change of founders or director shortly before a large deal.
- Tax debts, enforcement proceedings or liquidation status.
- No verifiable address, warehouse or staff for the volumes promised.
- Pressure to pay a large advance quickly, without inspection.

When to order a professional check

Order a professional check before an advance payment you cannot afford to lose, before an exclusive or long-term agreement, and always before buying a business or an asset. BDK's Basic, Standard and Enhanced checks combine registers, ownership tracing, references and a site visit, and every finding in the report states its source and date.

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