Bangladesh Sourcing Readiness Checklist

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This checklist is designed for fashion brands and sourcing teams who are planning programmes out of Bangladesh. Fill in as much as you can before your first conversation. The more complete this is, the faster realistic options can be identified.

1. Brand & product strategy

Question: What type of brand are you? (value, mid-market, premium, niche)

Why it matters: Factory and costing strategy depend heavily on your price–quality positioning.

Notes / status:

2. Product categories

Question: Which core product categories do you want from Bangladesh in the next 12–18 months? (e.g. men's shirts, women's blouses, kids bottoms, denim)

Why it matters: Helps shortlist factories with the right product capability instead of generic 'any garment'.

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3. Volume & MOQ bands

Question: What realistic order size ranges are you working with per style/colour? (e.g. 200–500 / 500–1,000 / 1,000+)

Why it matters: Different factories are a better fit for different volume bands.

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4. Timing & seasonality

Question: When do you need first deliveries ex-factory? Are you building a continuous programme or seasonal drops?

Why it matters: Impacts lead time, capacity planning and material choices.

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5. Compliance expectations

Question: What level of compliance do you require? (e.g. RSC, BSCI, brand audits, specific social or environmental standards)

Why it matters: Many factories are compliant, but not at the same level; clarity avoids wasted time.

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6. Margin & price logic

Question: Do you have target FOB ranges or target landed margins for each product group?

Why it matters: Helps assess whether Bangladesh is the right base for that product at your price level.

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7. Design & development style

Question: Do you send full tech packs, or do you need more design and development input from factories?

Why it matters: Some factories are stronger in development, others in execution; matching this avoids frustration.

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8. Testing & quality

Question: Any mandatory testing protocols, AQL levels, or brand QA requirements?

Why it matters: Ensures shortlisted factories understand and can support your QA expectations.

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9. Logistics & shipping

Question: Do you typically ship FOB, CFR, or DDP? Any nominated forwarders or consolidators?

Why it matters: Impacts factory selection, documentation and lead-time planning.

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10. Internal approvals

Question: Who needs to sign off on new factories and costings inside your organisation?

Why it matters: Helps plan realistic timelines for sampling, approvals and order placement.

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How to use this checklist:

• Complete as many fields as you can.

• Share this document or a PDF copy when you contact Antor.

• Update it over time as your plans for Bangladesh evolve.