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1 Scope

General principles for evaluating green suppliers are presented in this guiding technical document. Companies that want to build environmental performance into procurement need a consistent way to look at suppliers, and this document offers common principles that buyers, supply chain managers, sustainability teams, auditors and the suppliers themselves can refer to.

It suits manufacturers and service companies of any sector that are designing or revising a green supplier programme. Because it sets out general principles rather than sector rules, it can serve as the starting point from which a company builds its own criteria and scoring.

Being a GB/Z document it gives guidance rather than binding requirements, and organisations may adopt it voluntarily. Anyone supplying to Chinese customers, or setting up supplier assessment procedures in China, can read it to see how a national reference frames the topic and to line up internal criteria with it. It was issued on 27 August 2026 by the Standardization Administration of China.

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