

# Supplier Qualification and Approval

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# GFSI Intermediate Requirements

- The company shall have a supplier qualification and approval process in place.



# The Importance of Supplier Qualification and Approval

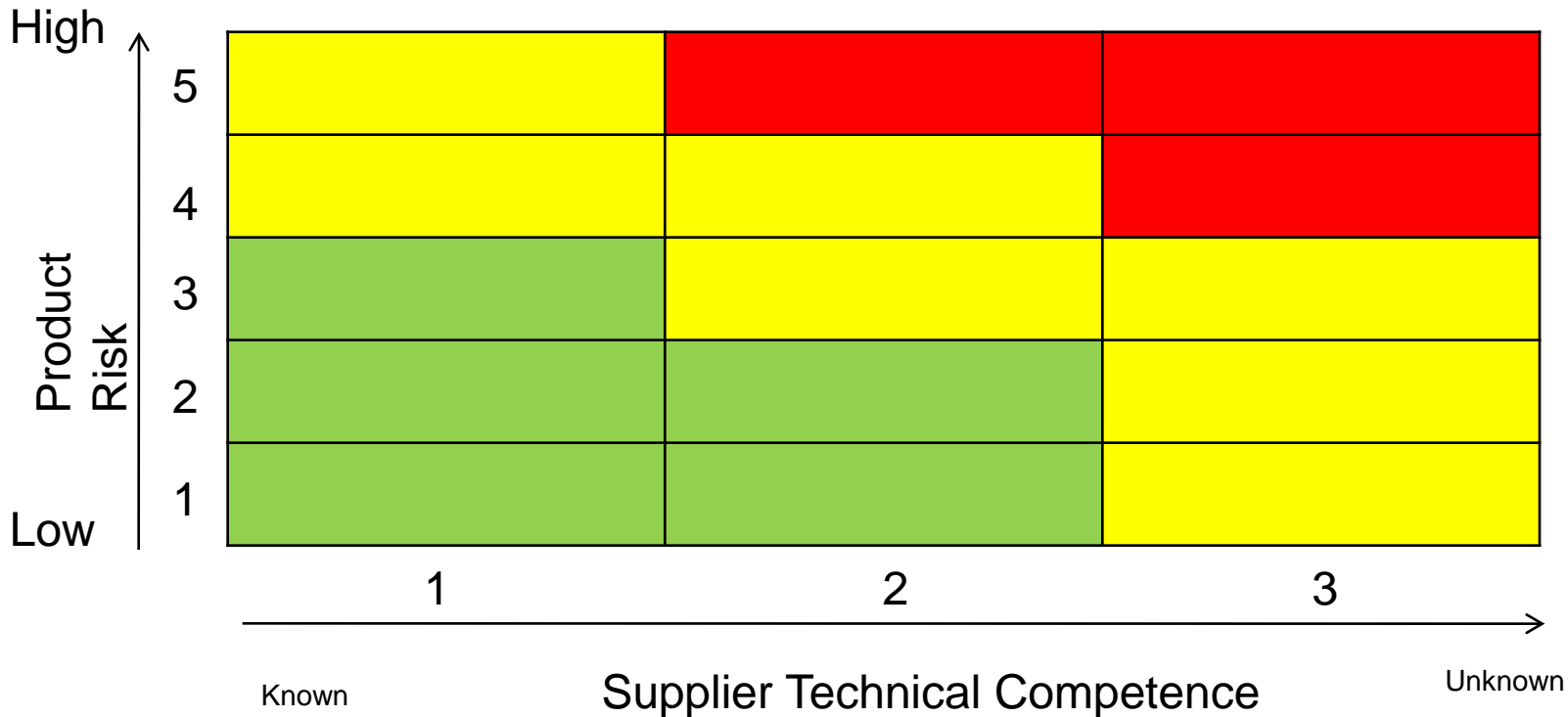
- The procedure is part of the prerequisite program
- The provision of assurance of safe product or quality of service
- The gaining of knowledge of potential hazards or issues relating to the supply of product
- Part of the formal recognition of a business relationship
- The formation of communication interface

# Supplier Approval Procedure

- Develop documented procedure but ensure this is developed and agreed with the person responsible for product procurement
- The procedure should be developed to ensure there is an 'approval step' before which product or services cannot be supplied
- The supplier approval procedure should be based on risk assessment and is the foundation for the supplier monitoring procedure if the supplier becomes approved.
- There should be in place an approved supplier register

# Supplier Approval Assessment Matrix

## Example



1 = Well established International company

2 = Well established Local company or a company that is already a supplier (New site)

3 = Unknown technical competence/ small company

# Assessment Methodology- Product Supplier

1. Technical Questionnaires
2. Certificates of conformance
3. Third party certification report
4. Testing of samples
5. First party/ second technical audit
6. Testing of trial batches

Any one or a combination of methods can be used to assess compliance with requirements in accordance with risk rating



# Specifications and Supplier Approval

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- Contractual agreement between you and your suppliers
- Contractual agreement between you and your customers
- Confirms understanding
- Provides clarity and transparency between partners
- Provides protection
- Forms part of a legal defence system

# Post Approval

- Maintain higher level of sampling/ testing/ inspection for a defined period in accordance with risk assessment
- Review performance within a defined period
- Commence Supplier Monitoring Program





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