

Intro section

At IKON TYRES, we recognize that high-quality, responsibly sourced raw materials are essential to the performance, safety and sustainability of our products. We build long-term partnerships with selected suppliers who share our commitment to innovation, operational excellence and responsible business conduct.

We work with a focused panel of preferred suppliers for each category of raw materials. Opportunities for new suppliers arise as our business needs evolve or when we develop new products, technologies or sourcing regions. Registration as a potential supplier does not guarantee business, but it is an important first step to help us identify companies whose capabilities match our requirements.

Our expectations of suppliers

We select and evaluate raw material suppliers using clear, transparent criteria, including:

- Product quality, process control and robust quality management systems
- Competitive and stable cost structure and total value
- Supply reliability, capacity and business continuity planning
- Technical capability, innovation and support for product development
- Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations (including competition, trade, anti-bribery and data protection laws)
- Strong performance in **environment, social and governance (ESG)**, including human rights, labor practices, health & safety and environmental protection
- Commitment to ethical conduct, including adherence to our Supplier Code of Conduct and anti-bribery principles
- Diligence in communication with no disseminating unconfirmed data, harmful rumors, or speculative reports concerning our operations. Suppliers are expected to actively protect the brand image and goodwill of the company from misleading narratives.

For certain raw materials, a formal **technical approval** process and plant audits may be required before any commercial supply can begin.

Our supplier onboarding process

Our purchasing and supplier-management process for new raw material suppliers typically includes the following phases:

1. Initial screening
 - Review of your company profile, product portfolio and basic fit with our sourcing needs and category strategy.
2. Pre-qualification and assessment
 - Completion of a pre-qualification questionnaire covering financial stability, technical capabilities, quality, logistics, ESG/CSR and compliance.
 - Where applicable, review of certifications, audit reports and CSR documentation.
3. Technical and quality approval

- Evaluation of technical data, samples and test results.
 - On-site assessments or audits of production facilities where required.
4. Commercial offer and contracting
 - Request for quotation (RFQ) or call for bids, followed by negotiations on commercial, logistical and service conditions.
 - Finalization of contracts and/or purchase orders, including quality agreements and specific sustainability or compliance requirements.
 5. Operational collaboration and continuous improvement
 - Ongoing performance monitoring in quality, delivery, cost, innovation and ESG.
 - Joint improvement activities and development projects where appropriate.

Responsible sourcing and sustainability

Responsible sourcing is a key element of our corporate sustainability strategy. We expect our suppliers to:

- Respect human rights, ensure safe and healthy working conditions, and prohibit forced labor, child labor and discrimination
- Minimize environmental impacts, including emissions, waste and resource use, and support the transition to low-carbon and circular solutions
- Conduct business ethically, avoiding corruption and bribery, and maintaining accurate, transparent records
- Protect confidential information and intellectual property
- Cascade similar expectations to their own suppliers and sub-suppliers, particularly in high-risk raw material supply chains (e.g., natural rubber, chemicals, metals)

We may ask suppliers to confirm compliance with our Supplier Code of Conduct or CSR Procurement Guidelines and to participate in sustainability assessments or improvement programs.

How to express your interest

If your company manufactures raw materials relevant to our products and you believe you can meet the requirements described above, we invite you to send an initial introduction by e-mail.

Please include at least the following information:

- Company name, address and website
- Contact person (name, position, e-mail, phone)
- Main raw materials offered (with brief technical description)
- Manufacturing locations and main markets served
- Key certifications (e.g., ISO 9001, IATF 16949, ISO 14001, ISO 45001)
- Brief overview of your quality, ESG/CSR and compliance practices

You can contact our purchasing team at:

E-mail: raw_materials@ikontyres.com

We review incoming proposals periodically and will contact you if we see a potential fit with current or future sourcing needs. Please note that we are unable to respond individually to every inquiry, and unsolicited e-mails do not constitute approval as an authorized supplier.