Export Solutions Distributor Assessment Grid

Criteria (weighting)	Rating	Evaluation Factors
Corporate Credentials 30%		Size, sales force, logistics, # employees. Reputation (reference check existing brands). National, multi-channel coverage. Financial stability.
Category Expertise 20%		Sells brands in my category. Shelf space for existing brands. Buyer contacts at target retailers. Category analysis and insights.
Brand Building 15%		Ideas to build or launch my brand? Marketing plan, cost, timing. Success stories.
Cost to Serve 15%		Fair, transparent value chain relative to size of business, brand investment, and work required.
Enthusiasm for My Brand 20%		Advance preparation, CEO involvement. Follow-up on commitments. Alignment with your vision.
X Factors: People, Admin., Professionalism, etc. +/-		CPG/FMCG background for leaders. Efficiency of scheduling meeting. Office environment. Do you enjoy the people?



Rating System

Rating	Score
Excellent	5
Very Good	4
Average	3
Fair	2
Poor	1



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Export Solutions' New Distributor Checklist

Contract/Agreement	
Price Calculation Model	
Business Plan: objectives, marketing, spending, key dates	
Category Review: Pricing, Shelf, Assortment, Merchandising	
Label Compliance	
Shelf Life	
Order Lead Time	
Minimum Order	Training: Key Account Managers,
Pick up Point	Retail, Administrative Staff, Warehouse
Payment Terms	In Store Standards: Pricing, Shelf Management, Merchandising
Payment Currency	FAQ's/Handling Common Objections
Damage Policy	Key Account Presentation
Product Registration	Customer Appointment Dates
Forecast: Year 1	Category/Business Review:
Pipeline Order & Inventory	Tailored to Each Key Account
Brand Facts	Retail Sales Contest
Product Samples	Checkpoint Calls
Appointment Letter	Market Audit Date
Brand Specifications in System: Distributor & Customers	Reporting: Track Distribution, Pricing, Shelf Positioning, Merchandising, etc.

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- Find Distributors in 96 Countries
- International Strategy Road Map
- Fix Problem Markets
- USA Market Expert
- Export Workshops
- Motivational Meeting Speaker





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Why do Export Managers Partner with Export Solutions for Distributor Search Help?

✓ Industries Leading Distributor Rolodex

- Excellent relationships across 96 countries
- Database tracks 90 distributors per country
- 400+ distributor search projects completed.

✓ 10 Step Distributor Search Process

- Logical, thorough due diligence process
- Professional approach yields positive results
- Publisher: Distributor Search Guide

✓ Independent Expert Assessment

- Expert partner to export managers
- Focused on all aspects of distributor search
- Working for you!

✓ Results

- 90%+ success rate
- Align with "Best in Class" distributors
- Typical project takes 4 months from project brief to distributor selection

✓ Make Your Life Easier!

- Identifies 5-8 qualified candidates per country
- Organize meetings with top candidates
- Sounding board during assessment process
- Export Solutions participation sends positive message to distributors.

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