

Snack Seasoning Supplier Qualification Scorecard

Two stages: pass the qualification gates first, then rank approved suppliers commercially and technically.

Stage 1: Qualification Gates

A material gap in any gate should block full approval until corrective action, additional evidence or an authorized risk-based decision closes the issue. Strong flavor or price performance does not compensate for an unresolved compliance failure.

Gate	Pass	Conditional	Fail	Evidence to attach
Food safety / legal compliance				
Destination-market requirements				
Allergen control				
Traceability / mock recall				
Specification / batch COA				
Change control commitment				

Notes: conditional approval may apply with a documented corrective-action plan and a defined review date. Confirm the current status and scope of any certification through the scheme's official register (for FSSC 22000, the FSSC Public Register).

Stage 2: Technical and Commercial Ranking

Score only after the gates are cleared. Choose weights that fit your program; no fixed weight set is prescribed.

Weighted ranking

Item	Weight (buyer choice)	Supplier A	Supplier B	QXFOOD
Line / application performance				
Batch consistency (multiple lots)				
Technical support				
Change control				
Lead time (normal / peak)				
Capacity vs your volumes				
Backup supply / contingency				
Cost at equivalent finished performance				
Total				

Compare cost at equivalent finished-product performance, not per-kilogram price. Add supporting evidence: application trial reports, multiple-lot data, certificates with scope, and delivery history where available.

Gates decide whether a supplier can be approved. The ranking decides which approved supplier gets the program.