# Compliance is Key: The Benefits of Working with a QCA Accredited Supplier

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With over 3500 promotional suppliers in the United States, differentiation from the competition can be challenging. What causes a supplier to stand apart from the crowd? One way is by investing in QCA Accreditation—a process that evaluates safety, quality, security, and stewardship practices. Although it's lengthy and rigorous, the benefits are worth the effort, and few suppliers have taken this step.

So what does this mean for distributors? It means that they can feel confident that they are working with a supplier that has rigorous, validated, standards for product safety, quality, social compliance, and customer experience. It helps improve processes so that the supply chain is vetted, products are safe, and everything is running as efficiently and safely as possible for staff and customers.

There are five categories on which a company is tested in order to get QCA Accredited: social compliance, product safety, product quality, supply chain security, and environmental impact. Check out the five categories below to see how working with a QCA Accredited supplier can benefit you and your clients.

- **Social Compliance:** At the heart of any manufacturing facility are the people. Social Compliance is included in the parameters of QCA Accreditation to protect the health and safety of employees. Good working conditions lead to happy and safe employees as well as the production of quality products, which is something that both the distributor and supplier can appreciate. Click here to learn more about Social Compliance.

- **Product Safety:** Consumers want products that they can confidently use and distributors want products that they can confidently distribute. A supplier's responsibility is to produce and provide products that are free of harmful chemicals and dangerous parts. Click here to learn more about Product Safety.

- **Product Quality:** The key to quality products is consistency, and the production process largely influences this. Everything from protocol to communication falls under this QCA parameter because safety and quality go hand-in-hand. Click here to learn more about Product Quality.

- **Supply Chain Security:** Having a transparent supply chain makes your company, and the industry as a whole, safer. Documented security policies, protocol for entering and exiting the building and controlling access to all information technology platforms, etc., create an environment that is predictable, safe, and compliant with QCA guidelines. Click here to learn more about Supply Chain Security.

- **Environmental Impact:** Protecting and improving the health and safety of the people and the environment is a key part of corporate social responsibility which makes this one of the most important parameters of QCA Accreditation. This includes anything from keeping restricted substances out of products to the documentation of policies referring to reducing, reusing and recycling materials. Click here to learn more about Environmental Impact.

**To learn more about QCA Accreditation, click here.**