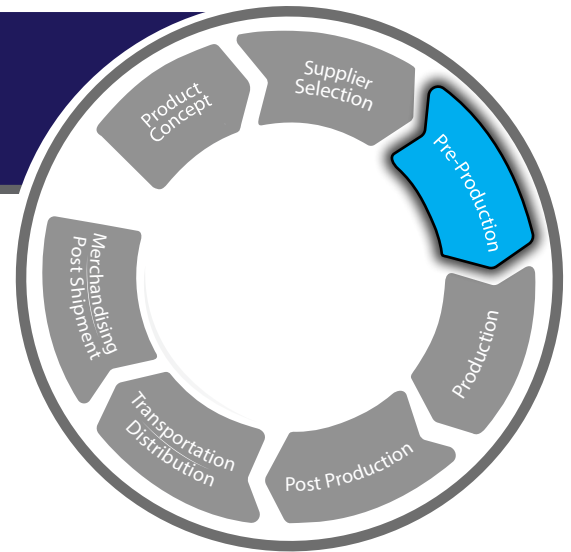


# Pre-Production: Product Quality Considerations

Intended for intermediate compliance programs

Key activity: Product development;  
inspection checklist; pre-purchase testing

Step-by-step approach to consider risk related to product  
quality during the pre-production stage.



## Product Quality

- If not already completed, perform a risk analysis of the product to “design out” potential hazards.
- Communicate your QC parameters and expectations to ensure production remains within the tolerance ranges identified within specifications for quality control; conduct pre-production meeting with the factory.
- Examine all products to ensure factory is prepared to comply with care labeling, use instructions (if any) and plastic bag warning obligations.
- Prior to production, ensure the factory and quality inspectors have a signed and approved sample (control sample) to use while conducting inline and final random quality inspections.