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Vendor Dispute Log

Item	Detail
Name of person responsible for this log	[Name of person responsible for this dispute log]
Log period start date	[Log period start date for disputes]
Log period end date	[Log period end date for disputes]
Escalation contact for unresolved disputes	[Name of escalation contact for unresolved disputes]

1. Dispute register

Open one register row per dispute as soon as it is raised. Keep the description factual and short; put the full correspondence and evidence in the file referenced in the final column, not in this register.

	Supplier legal name	Contract or order reference	Date dispute raised	Dispute category	Description of dispute	Amount in dispute	Priority	Owner	Status	Evidence reference
one]	[Legal name of supplier one]	[Contract or order reference for dispute one]	[Date dispute one was raised]	[Category of dispute one]	[Description of dispute one]	[Amount in dispute for dispute one]	[Priority of dispute one]	[Name of owner of dispute one]	[Status of dispute one]	[Evidence reference dispute on
two]	[Legal name of supplier two]	[Contract or order reference for dispute two]	[Date dispute two was raised]	[Category of dispute two]	[Description of dispute two]	[Amount in dispute for dispute two]	[Priority of dispute two]	[Name of owner of dispute two]	[Status of dispute two]	[Evidence reference dispute tw

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	[Legal name of supplier three]	[Contract or order reference for dispute three]	[Date dispute three was raised]	[Category of dispute three]	[Description of dispute three]	[Amount in dispute for dispute three]	[Priority of dispute three]	[Name of owner of dispute three]	[Status of dispute three]	[Evidence reference dispute th

Dispute categories used in this log: invoice discrepancy, short or incorrect delivery, quality failure, missed deadline, service level failure, and contract interpretation. Priority levels used in this log: critical, high, medium, and low. Response times expected for each priority are: [Response time expected for critical priority disputes]; [Response time expected for high priority disputes]; [Response time expected for medium priority disputes]; [Response time expected for low priority disputes].

2. Resolution and update log

Record every update separately from the register, in date order, so the path from raising to closure can be followed.

Date	Dispute reference	Update and discussion	Next step agreed	Owner of next step	Due date for next step
[Date of dispute update one]	[Dispute reference for dispute update one]	[Description of dispute update one]	[Next step agreed in dispute update one]	[Name of owner of next step in dispute update one]	[Due date for next step in dispute update one]
[Date of dispute update two]	[Dispute reference for dispute update two]	[Description of dispute update two]	[Next step agreed in dispute update two]	[Name of owner of next step in dispute update two]	[Due date for next step in dispute update two]
[Date of dispute update three]	[Dispute reference for dispute update three]	[Description of dispute update three]	[Next step agreed in dispute update three]	[Name of owner of next step in dispute update three]	[Due date for next step in dispute update three]

3. Summary

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Summary item	Detail
Total number of disputes logged	[Total number of disputes logged]
Number of disputes still open	[Number of disputes still open]
Number of open disputes at critical or high priority	[Number of open disputes at critical or high priority]
Total amount in dispute across open disputes	[Total amount in dispute across open disputes]
Oldest open dispute and the date it was raised	[Reference and date of the oldest open dispute]
Number of disputes closed in this log period	[Number of disputes closed in this log period]

4. Escalation and closure

Escalation levels: first, the dispute owner and the supplier contact attempt resolution; second, [Name or role for second level dispute escalation] is involved; third, [Name or role for third level dispute escalation] decides whether to seek formal resolution. Escalate when a due date in the update log passes without progress, or when [Circumstances that require immediate escalation of a dispute] applies.

A dispute is closed only when the agreed outcome is recorded here: resolution type: [Resolution type for the closed dispute]; agreed outcome: [Agreed outcome for the closed dispute]; credit or adjustment agreed, if any: [Credit or adjustment agreed for the closed dispute]; date closed: [Date the dispute was closed]; confirmed by: [Name of person who confirmed closure of the dispute].

Signatures

Role	Name	Signature	Date
Log owner	[Name of person responsible for this dispute log]	[Signature of dispute log owner]	[Date of dispute log owner signature]
Approver	[Name of dispute log approver]	[Signature of dispute log approver]	[Date of dispute log approver signature]