

Handicrafts Inspection & QC

Thangka · Wood Carvings · Metal Statues

PRODUCT

Handicrafts

STANDARD

ANSI/ASQ Z1.4 AQL

BASED IN

Kathmandu, Nepal

METHOD OVERVIEW

How We Inspect Handicrafts

Quality control for Nepal's traditional handicrafts. Thangka painting authenticity, wood carving craftsmanship, and metalwork structural inspection for statues and ritual items.

AQL SAMPLING STD	40-80 PHOTOS / REPORT	24h REPORT TURNAROUND	100% INSPECTION OPTION
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REFERENCE STANDARDS

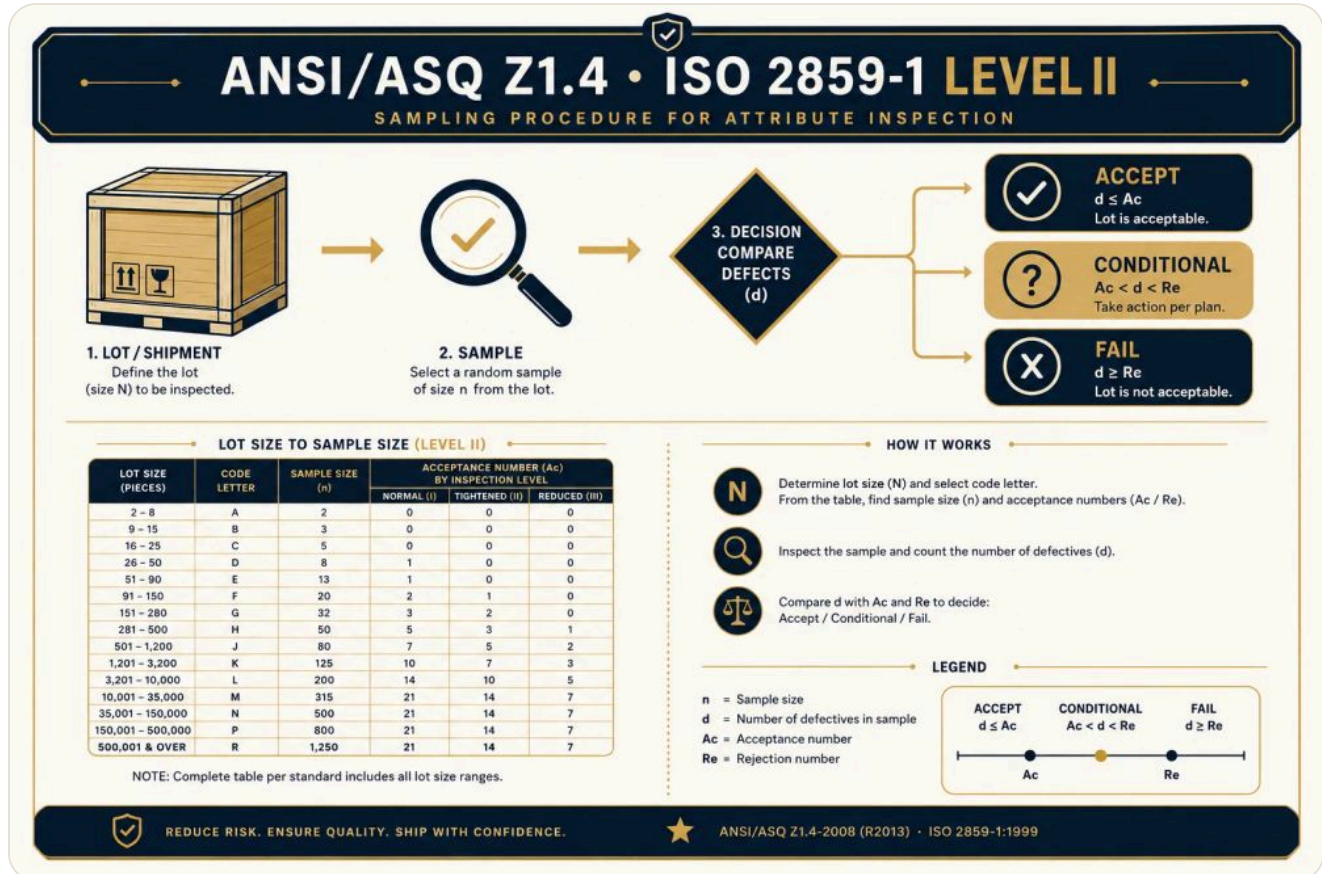
AQL	ANSI/ASQ Z1.4	WOOD MOISTURE	Calibrated moisture meter
COATING LEAD	16 CFR 1303 / CPSIA	CITES	Wood species documentation

STATISTICALLY VALID AQL SAMPLING — ISO 2859-1

We select a random, representative sample from the lot using ISO 2859-1 general inspection level II. For a 500-piece order this typically means 50 units inspected in full. The result is a clear **Pass / Fail / Conditional** verdict for the whole lot — protecting you at a fraction of the cost of 100% inspection. Premium or safety-critical orders can be inspected at 100%.

Statistically Valid AQL Sampling

Lots are sampled to ANSI/ASQ Z1.4 (ISO 2859-1) general inspection level II. The sample drives a clear Pass / Conditional / Fail verdict for the whole shipment.



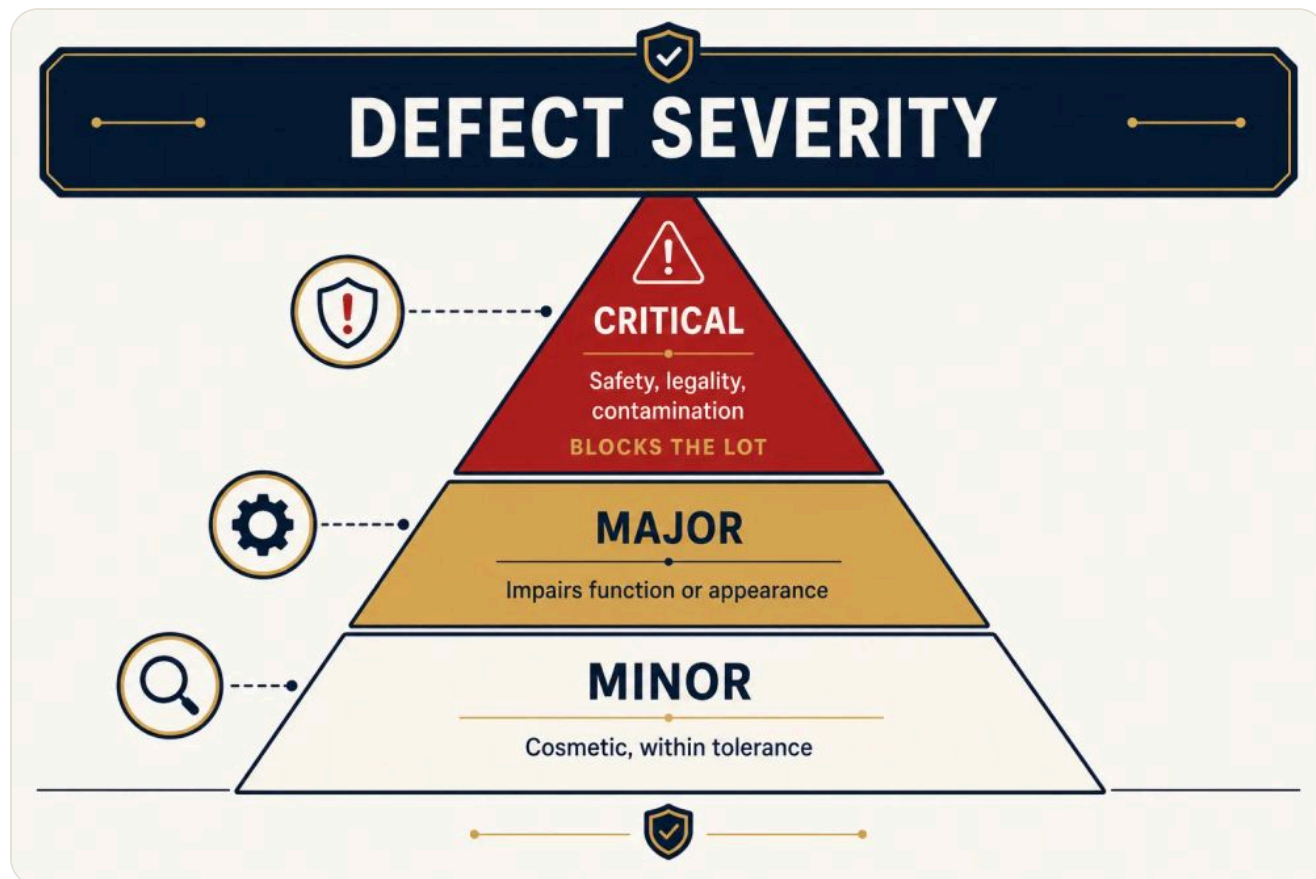
From inspection to verdict — the AQL decision flow

Takeaway: a single random, representative sample protects the whole lot — professional coverage at a fraction of the cost of 100% inspection.

DEFECT CLASSIFICATION

How Every Finding Is Judged

Each defect is recorded by severity. Any Critical finding blocks the lot; Major and Minor defects are weighed against AQL acceptance numbers.



Critical · Major · Minor — how defects are judged

Takeaway: no negotiation on safety, legality or contamination — the lot stops until the issue is resolved.

The Handicrafts QC Checklist

Every sampled unit is checked against the full checklist below and photographed. Findings are classified as Critical, Major, or Minor and reported against your specification.

Thangka assessment Canvas, pigment, gold leaf, iconographic accuracy	Wood carving Species, carving depth, finish, crack detection
Metal craft Brass/copper ID, casting quality, patina, stability	Craftsmanship Surface finish, detail precision, artistry
Dimensions Length, width, height, weight vs spec	Structural integrity Stability, joint strength, balance
Packaging Protective wrapping, cushioning, carton strength	Compliance Origin, material content, CITES documents

How defects are counted: each defective unit is recorded by severity. A lot is blocked automatically if any Critical defect is found. Major and Minor defects are evaluated against AQL acceptance numbers.

BLOCK SHIPMENT

Critical Defects We Never Ship

Any one of these findings blocks the shipment until it is resolved. There is no negotiation on safety, legality, or contamination.

CRITICAL

CITES violation

Restricted wood species exported without docs

CRITICAL

Lead in coating

Lead in paints/coatings (16 CFR 1303 / CPSIA)

CRITICAL

Mould/vermin

Infestation in wood or fibre items

CRITICAL

Hazardous edges

Sharp/splinter edges on children's items

LABORATORY & PHYSICAL TESTS

Verify Beyond the Eye

■ Drop Test

1m drop to protect fragile handicrafts

■ Material Verification

Wood species, metal, pigment authenticity

■ Wood Moisture

Safe moisture to prevent cracking and rot

■ Coating Lead

16 CFR 1303 / CPSIA restricted substance screen

On-site spot tests are performed during the visit. For formal certification (e.g. REACH, CPSIA, OEKO-TEX, ISO), we coordinate with SGS Nepal and Intertek laboratories in Kathmandu. Sample collection and courier are included.

WHY NEPAL TRADE SOLUTIONS

A Quality Partner, Not Just an Inspector

We are based in Kathmandu and inspect Nepali products every week. That product-specific, on-the-ground knowledge is what catches the defects a generic global checklist would miss.

Discipline-Specific Experts

Thangka, wood and metal trained inspectors

Flexible Sampling

AQL or 100% for high-value, antique pieces

Cultural Authenticity

Verify traditional technique and provenance

CITES Ready

Protected-species documentation verification

INDUSTRY INSIGHT

Every piece is handmade and often one-of-a-kind — we build a specific checklist for each category.

Protect Your Next Handicrafts Shipment

Book an inspection and get a detailed, photo-documented report in your inbox within 24 hours.

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