

Open-Weight Models Compliance Checklist

Type: Compliance Checklist | **Audience:** ML Engineers, Legal, Compliance Teams

1. Common Open-Weight Model Licenses

License	Commercial	Modify	Attribution	Share-Alike	Restrictions
Apache 2.0	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	Required	No	None
MIT	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	Required	No	None
Llama Community	■ Limited	✓ Yes	Required	No	>700M MAU cap
RAIL (Responsible AI)	■ Limited	✓ Yes	Required	Varies	Use case bans
CreativeML OpenRAIL	■ Limited	✓ Yes	Required	No	Use case bans

2. Pre-Deployment Compliance Checklist

Step 1: License Identification

- ☐ LICENSE file located in model repository
- ☐ License version identified (e.g., Apache 2.0 vs 1.1)
- ☐ Additional terms or restrictions reviewed
- ☐ Model card reviewed for usage limitations

Step 2: Commercial Use Assessment

- ☐ Our use case classified as commercial: [] Yes [] No
- ☐ License permits commercial use: [] Yes [] No [] Conditional
- ☐ Revenue/user thresholds checked (if any): _____
- ☐ Industry restrictions checked (weapons, surveillance, etc.)

Step 3: Attribution Requirements

- ☐ Attribution required in: [] Docs [] UI [] API [] Marketing
- ☐ Specific attribution text documented
- ☐ Link to original repository required: [] Yes [] No

3. RAIL License Prohibited Use Cases

Common RAIL Restrictions - Verify your use case does NOT include:

- ☐ **Weapons development or targeting**
- ☐ **Surveillance systems (without consent)**
- ☐ **Disinformation campaigns**
- ☐ **Spam or phishing**
- ☐ **Discrimination or harassment**
- ☐ **Illegal content generation**
- ☐ **Healthcare diagnosis (without validation)**
- ☐ **Legal/financial advice (as primary source)**

4. Model License Compliance Record

Field	Value
Model Name	
Model Source/URL	
License Type & Version	
Commercial Use Permitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional
Conditions/Restrictions	
Attribution Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Prohibited Uses Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Our use case compliant: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Legal Review Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Reviewer: _____ Date: _____
Approval Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional