

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	[] Yes [] No [] Conditional
Conditions/Restrictions	
Attribution Required	[] Yes [] No
Prohibited Uses Reviewed	[] Yes Our use case compliant: [] Yes [] No
Legal Review Completed	[] Yes Reviewer: _____ Date: _____
Approval Status	[] Approved [] Denied [] Conditional