Azure Arc Enterprise Readiness Checklist

Governance Foundation

- Tagging taxonomy defined (Application, Owner, Environment, Migration Wave)
- VMware VMs tagged BEFORE Arc discovery (80%+ coverage)
- Subscription strategy documented
- Resource group design decided
- RBAC model defined

Network Architecture

- Private Link scope designed (no public IPs)
- All required Private DNS zones documented
- ExpressRoute / VPN bandwidth validated
- Conditional DNS forwarders configured
- Lab environment built and tested

Cost & Operations

- Per-server Arc cost model calculated
- Cost allocation method decided
- Operational staffing planned (1 FTE / 1,000+ servers)
- Ghost registration cleanup process documented
- Arc Resource Bridge maintenance schedule defined

vCenter Integration

- Multi-vCenter topology mapped (1 bridge per vCenter)
- VCenter credentials & permissions validated
- Resource Bridge sizing requirements met
- Network connectivity verified
- Pilot VM scope defined

Go / No-Go Decision

- All red items resolved
- Yellow items have mitigation plans
- Stakeholder sign-off obtained
- Rollback plan documented