

# Auto Transport Carrier Vetting Checklist

Carrier		USDOT		MC / MX	
Date		Reviewer		Decision	

Step	Source / System	What to Verify	Result	Notes / Red Flags	Verified By	Date
<b>1</b> Verify Identity & FMCSA Authority	FMCSA SAFER (safer.fmcsa.dot.gov), L&I Portal	Active authority, matching legal name, USDOT/MC match, property carrier authorization, contact info matches SAFER				
<b>2</b> Review SAFER Safety Data	SAFER Company Snapshot	Safety rating (Satisfactory / Conditional / Unsatisfactory / Unrated), inspection history, OOS summaries, crash data				
<b>3</b> Verify Insurance Coverage	COI, insurance agent confirmation	Active coverage, expiration date, public liability min \$1M (motor vehicle haulers), cargo limits per your requirements, policy matches carrier entity				
<b>4</b> Screen for Fraud & Identity Red Flags	FMCSA data, platform data, callback verification	Identity matches public records, no suspicious recent changes, no shared contact details across entities				
<b>5</b> Agreements & Dispatch Documentation	Carrier agreement, dispatch sheet, eBOL / ePOD	No unauthorized re-brokering, driver identity confirmed, pickup/delivery contacts, documentation workflow accepted				
<b>6</b> Performance History & Route Fit	TMS history, carrier profile, prior load data	Equipment match, route familiarity, prior performance, communication history, cancellation/claim patterns				
<b>7</b> Document the Decision	Internal vetting record	Sources checked, date/result of each check, reviewer name, pass/review/reject decision, exception approvals				
<b>8</b> Re-Check Before Next Load	SAFER, COI, platform data	Authority still active, insurance still current, no FMCSA contact changes, performance still acceptable				

Final Decision:  PASS  REVIEW REQUIRED  REJECT

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Findings, Exceptions & Follow-up: \_\_\_\_\_

Pass = verified, no issues · Review = escalate to manager · Reject = do not dispatch · N/A = not applicable

Notes / Red Flags: Record specific findings, exceptions, or follow-up actions for each step.