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> *Every step you skip in vetting a carrier is a door you're leaving open for someone else to walk through.*
> **— PAMELA M. NADALINI, MBA**

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A NOTE ON THIS ISSUE

Issue No. 001 marked the start of a discipline. This issue is proof it holds — the same monthly standard, delivered again, on schedule.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

To our readers — founding and new alike:

Issue No. 001 marked the start of a discipline; this issue is proof it holds. Every month, this Brief will bring you the same standard: one piece of executive insight worth acting on, an honest look at what we're building, real answers to real questions, and a passage worth sitting with.

This month's Executive Insight goes where I promised it would — inside the exact sequence NGI runs before any carrier is approved to move a load. It's not theory. It's the checklist itself.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT — FEATURE

The NGI Carrier-Vetting Checklist

Every carrier NGI works with passes through the same sequence, in the same order, without exception. Here is what that sequence actually contains.

1. Authority and Registration Verification

Confirm active operating authority through FMCSA records — not a one-time check, but the first of several. Authority that was granted recently, or that shows a pattern of being let lapse and reinstated, warrants a closer look before anything else proceeds.

2. Safety Rating and Inspection History

A carrier's safety rating and recent inspection/violation history are reviewed in full, not skimmed. A single citation isn't disqualifying on its own — a pattern is.

3. Insurance Confirmation, Matched to Freight Type

Cargo insurance is verified directly with the carrier's insurer, not taken from a certificate alone — and confirmed to actually cover the freight type in question. A general cargo policy does not automatically cover specialized, high-value, or temperature-controlled freight.

4. Reincarnated-Carrier Screening

A check for the specific pattern of a carrier closing one authority and reopening under a new one to shed a poor safety record. This single step catches a meaningful share of bad-faith actors before they ever haul a load.

5. Documentation and Communication Standards

Before any load is assigned, NGI confirms the carrier can produce standard documentation without hesitation or delay — the same transparency test described in Issue 001's Executive Insight, applied internally rather than just described.

6. Periodic Re-Verification

Vetting does not end at onboarding. Authority status, insurance, and safety standing are re-checked on a standing schedule, not only when a problem surfaces.

> *No load moves until every step is complete. That order is deliberate — each step exists because skipping it, even once, is exactly how bad actors get through.*

Why NGI Treats Insurance Verification as a Per-Load Step

As part of NGI's own internal process, confirming that a carrier's insurance coverage is appropriate to the specific load being hauled is treated as a distinct step, separate from confirming that a policy is simply active. This reflects NGI's own operating standard, not a general statement about insurance products, coverage adequacy, or requirements. Questions about a specific policy's terms, scope, or suitability for a given shipment should be directed to a licensed insurance professional or the policy's issuing carrier.

NADALINI GLOBAL — AT A GLANCE

50 STATES SERVED	**2** FIELD GUIDES PUBLISHED
70 CHAPTERS OF DOCTRINE	**1** STANDARD, NO EXCEPTIONS

NGI INTELLIGENCE

Website-Wide Security Hardening, Completed

Following last month's initial security review, Nadalini Global completed a full Content Security Policy rollout across every public page of its website — thirteen pages in total — strengthening defenses against unauthorized script injection sitewide. The client portal's own security policy, hardened earlier this year, was independently re-verified and now scores in the top tier of Mozilla's HTTP Observatory scoring.

A Clearer Response Standard for Every Inquiry

Every shipper, carrier, freight agent, and federal contracting inquiry submitted through nadaliniglobal.com now receives an explicit response-time commitment at the moment of submission — no more wondering what happens next after hitting submit. This is a small change with a simple purpose: the moment someone reaches out to NGI should feel as disciplined as everything else we do.

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ASK THE BROKER — READER Q&A

Your Questions, Answered Plainly

Q. What's the difference between a rate confirmation and a bill of lading?

A. A rate confirmation is the agreement — what's being hauled, for how much, under what terms — signed before the load moves. A bill of lading is the shipment's legal record once it's in transit: what was picked up, from where, and its condition at pickup.

Q. How do I know if a load rate is too good to be true?

A. Comparing a quoted rate against publicly available market rate benchmarks for the lane and freight type is a common industry practice — tools such as DAT iQ or Truckstop's rate index are widely used industry reference points for this purpose.[1] A load priced meaningfully below that reference range, with no clear explanation, is generally worth a closer look.

[1] DAT iQ (dat.com) and Truckstop (truckstop.com) are independent third-party services referenced here for general informational purposes only. NGI does not endorse, warrant, or receive compensation in connection with either service.

Q. What happens if a carrier's insurance lapses mid-relationship, not at onboarding?

A. This is why periodic re-verification, rather than a single check at onboarding, is part of NGI's own standing review process. Current operating authority and insurance-on-file status for any carrier can be checked directly through FMCSA's public SAFER System (safer.fmcsa.dot.gov).[2]

Q. Can a shipper request to see a carrier's safety record directly?

A. Yes — FMCSA safety data is public record, available through the same SAFER System referenced above. A shipper is well within reason to ask their broker for it, and a broker who can produce it without friction is demonstrating exactly the standard this Brief keeps returning to.

[2] The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's SAFER System is a free, official government resource. NGI provides this reference for general informational purposes and does not operate, control, or guarantee the accuracy of third-party or government data.

FIELD NOTES

How NGI Approaches Insurance Verification

- NGI confirms cargo insurance coverage aligns with freight type before assigning a load, as part of its own internal process.
- NGI's practice is to confirm insurance directly with the carrier's insurer, rather than relying on a certificate alone.
- NGI re-verifies insurance standing on a set schedule, independent of any specific load, as part of its ongoing carrier review.
- Within NGI's process, a policy being active and a policy applying to a given shipment are treated as two separate questions.

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

Reserved for Our Network

This space remains reserved for a carrier, shipper, or freight agent from the Nadalini Global network. As NGI's vetted network grows, this section will feature its first honoree — until then, the discipline described throughout this Brief is what that spot will be earned through.

FROM THE AUTHOR'S DESK

A Reflection on Double-Brokering

Double-brokering is one of the most serious risks in this industry, and it deserves to be treated that way — not as an occasional headline, but as a real and recurring threat to shippers, brokers, and carriers alike. The mechanics are simple enough to describe: a load is tendered to a carrier, and instead of hauling it themselves, that carrier re-brokers it to a second carrier the shipper never approved and likely never heard of. What makes it dangerous is what can happen afterward — if that unauthorized second carrier damages the freight, loses it, or disappears with it, the shipper is often left with no clear party to hold accountable, the original broker is exposed to liability they never agreed to carry, and the legitimate carrier whose authority was used has their name attached to a shipment they had no part in.

The financial exposure runs in every direction. A broker who fails to catch a double-broker can face claims, disputes, and reputational damage that follows them long after the specific load is resolved. A carrier whose authority is used without consent can find their own operating record and insurance standing drawn into a dispute they did not create. This is not a paperwork inconvenience — it is a liability question, and it warrants the same seriousness as any other risk capable of ending a business relationship or a company's standing in this industry.

In my experience, the brokerages that avoid this risk share one habit: they treat carrier verification at pickup — matching the MC number on the rate confirmation against who actually shows up — as a fixed part of every load, not a step to skip when things get busy. That small, consistent discipline is what separates the brokerages that stay durable through years of operation from the ones that eventually get caught out by a load they never should have let move.

— Pamela M. Nadalini, MBA

NGI PUBLICATIONS

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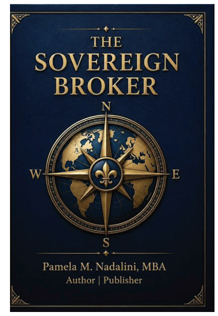

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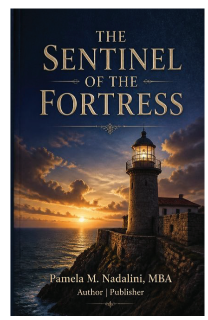

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COMING IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Issue No. 003 goes inside NGI's documentation and claims-response protocol — the exact records a shipper needs to make a delay or damage claim resolvable rather than a dispute — plus a closer look at how double-brokering actually gets caught. Ask the Broker returns with new reader questions.

Until next month — operate with discipline.

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Notes

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