

Sources

Primary sources for the ruling and the bond rule. Checked October 20, 2026.

1 The Supreme Court ruling

Supreme Court opinion: *Montgomery v. Caribe Transport II, LLC*, 608 U.S. ____ (2026), decided May 14, 2026

https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/25pdf/24-1238_1b7d.pdf

Supreme Court docket No. 24-1238 (cert granted Oct. 3, 2025; argued Mar. 4, 2026; reversed and remanded)

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/docket/docketfiles/html/public/24-1238.html>

Related: *Total Quality Logistics v. Cox*, No. 25-145, cert denied May 26, 2026 (Sixth Circuit ruling stands)

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/docket/docketfiles/html/public/25-145.html>

Holding, quoted from the opinion: "A claim that one company negligently hired another to transport goods is not preempted by the FAAAA because States retain authority to regulate safety 'with respect to motor vehicles' under the Act."

2 The broker bond rule

FMCSA final rule: *Broker and Freight Forwarder Financial Responsibility*, 88 FR 78656 (Nov. 16, 2023)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/11/16/2023-25312/broker-and-freight-forwarder-financial-responsibility>

FMCSA rule moving the compliance date to January 16, 2026, 89 FR 107021 (Dec. 31, 2024)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/31/2024-30509/broker-and-freight-forwarder-financial-responsibility-extension-of-compliance-date>

The bond or trust rule itself: 49 CFR 387.307

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-387/subpart-C/section-387.307>

3 Where to run the carrier checks

FMCSA SAFER company snapshot (safety rating, out-of-service, inspections, crashes)

<https://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov/CompanySnapshot.aspx>

FMCSA licensing and insurance (authority status, insurance filings)

<https://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov>

FMCSA Safety Measurement System

<https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SMS>

4 Press coverage

FreightWaves, May 14, 2026: "The Supreme Court just told every freight broker that they can be sued"

<https://www.freightwaves.com/news/the-supreme-court-just-told-every-freight-broker-that-they-can-be-sued>

Transport Topics, May 14, 2026: Supreme Court broker liability ruling

<https://www.ttnews.com/articles/scotus-broker-liability>