

**RCW 62A.2-509 Risk of loss in the absence of breach.** (1) Where the contract requires or authorizes the seller to ship the goods by carrier:

(a) If it does not require him or her to deliver them at a particular destination, the risk of loss passes to the buyer when the goods are duly delivered to the carrier even though the shipment is under reservation (RCW 62A.2-505); but

(b) If it does require him or her to deliver them at a particular destination and the goods are there duly tendered while in the possession of the carrier, the risk of loss passes to the buyer when the goods are there duly so tendered as to enable the buyer to take delivery.

(2) Where the goods are held by a bailee to be delivered without being moved, the risk of loss passes to the buyer:

(a) On his or her receipt of possession or control of a negotiable document of title covering the goods; or

(b) On acknowledgment by the bailee of the buyer's right to possession of the goods; or

(c) After his or her receipt of possession or control of a nonnegotiable document of title or other direction to deliver in a record, as provided in RCW 62A.2-503(4)(b).

(3) In any case not within subsection (1) or (2) of this section, the risk of loss passes to the buyer on his or her receipt of the goods if the seller is a merchant; otherwise the risk passes to the buyer on tender of delivery.

(4) The provisions of this section are subject to contrary agreement of the parties and to the provisions of this Article on sale on approval (RCW 62A.2-327) and on effect of breach on risk of loss (RCW 62A.2-510). [2012 c 214 s 810; 1965 ex.s. c 157 s 2-509. Cf. former RCW sections: (i) RCW 63.04.200; 1925 ex.s. c 142 s 19; RRS s 5836-19. (ii) RCW 63.04.230; 1925 ex.s. c 142 s 22; RRS s 5836-22.]

**Application—Savings—2012 c 214:** See notes following RCW 62A.1-101.