

355.2A-103 Definitions and index of definitions. (Effective January 1, 2025)

- (1) In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a)
 - 1. "Buyer in ordinary course of business" means a person who, in good faith and without knowledge that the sale to the person is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods, buys in ordinary course from a person in the business of selling goods of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker.
 - 2. "Buying" may be for cash or by exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured credit and includes receiving goods or documents of title under a pre-existing contract for sale but does not include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt;
 - (b) "Cancellation" occurs when either party puts an end to the lease contract for default by the other party;
 - (c)
 - 1. "Commercial unit" means such a unit of goods as by commercial usage is a single whole for purposes of lease and division of which materially impairs its character or value on the market or in use.
 - 2. A commercial unit may be a single article, as a machine, or a set of articles, as a suite of furniture or a line of machinery, or a quantity, as a gross or carload, or any other unit treated in use or in the relevant market as a single whole;
 - (d) "Conforming" goods or performance under a lease contract means goods or performance that are in accordance with the obligations under the lease contract;
 - (e) "Consumer lease" means a lease that a lessor regularly engaged in the business of leasing or selling makes to a lessee who is an individual and who takes under the lease primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose;
 - (f) "Fault" means wrongful act, omission, breach, or default;
 - (g) "Finance lease" means a lease with respect to which:
 - 1. The lessor does not select, manufacture, or supply the goods;
 - 2. The lessor acquires the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods in connection with the lease; and
 - 3. One (1) of the following occurs:
 - a. The lessee receives a copy of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods before signing the lease contract;
 - b. The lessee's approval of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods is a condition to effectiveness of the lease contract;
 - c. The lessee, before signing the lease contract, receives an accurate and complete statement designating the promises and warranties, and any disclaimers of warranties, limitations, or modifications of remedies, or liquidated damages, including those of a third party,

such as the manufacturer of the goods, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods; or

- d. If the lease is not a consumer lease, the lessor, before the lessee signs the lease contract, informs the lessee in writing:
 - i. Of the identity of the person supplying the goods to the lessor, unless the lessee has selected that person and directed the lessor to acquire the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods from that person;
 - ii. That the lessee is entitled under this article to the promises and warranties, including those of any third party, provided to the lessor by the person supplying the goods in connection with or as part of the contract by which the lessor acquired the goods or the right to possession and use of the goods; and
 - iii. That the lessee may communicate with the person supplying the goods to the lessor and receive an accurate and complete statement of those promises and warranties, including any disclaimers and limitations of them or of remedies;
- (h) 1. "Goods" means all things that are movable at the time of identification to the lease contract, or are fixtures (KRS 355.2A-309), but the term does not include money, documents, instruments, accounts, chattel paper, general intangibles, or minerals or the like, including oil and gas, before extraction.
 - 2. The term also includes the unborn young of animals;
- (i) "Hybrid lease" means a single transaction involving a lease of goods and:
 - 1. The provision of services;
 - 2. A sale of other goods; or
 - 3. A sale, lease, or license of property other than goods;
- (j) "Installment lease contract" means a lease contract that authorizes or requires the delivery of goods in separate lots to be separately accepted, even though the lease contract contains a clause "each delivery is a separate lease" or its equivalent;
- (k) 1. "Lease" means a transfer of the right to possession and use of goods for a term in return for consideration, but a sale, including a sale on approval or a sale or return, or retention or creation of a security interest is not a lease.
 - 2. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease;
- (l) 1. "Lease agreement" means the bargain, with respect to the lease, of the lessor and the lessee in fact as found in their language or by implication from other circumstances including course of dealing or usage of trade or course of performance as provided in this article.

2. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease agreement;
- (m)
1. "Lease contract" means the total legal obligation that results from the lease agreement as affected by this article and any other applicable rules of law.
 2. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublease contract;
- (n) "Leasehold interest" means the interest of the lessor or the lessee under a lease contract;
- (o)
1. "Lessee" means a person who acquires the right to possession and use of goods under a lease.
 2. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublessee;
- (p)
1. "Lessee in ordinary course of business" means a person who, in good faith and without knowledge that the lease to the person is in violation of the ownership rights or security interest or leasehold interest of a third party in the goods, leases in ordinary course from a person in the business of selling or leasing goods of that kind but does not include a pawnbroker.
 2. "Leasing" may be for cash or by exchange of other property or on secured or unsecured credit and includes receiving goods or documents of title under a pre-existing lease contract but does not include a transfer in bulk or as security for or in total or partial satisfaction of a money debt;
- (q)
1. "Lessor" means a person who transfers the right to possession and use of goods under a lease.
 2. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the term includes a sublessor;
- (r) "Lessor's residual interest" means the lessor's interest in the goods after expiration, termination, or cancellation of the lease contract;
- (s) "Lien" means a charge against or interest in goods to secure payment of a debt or performance of an obligation, but the term does not include a security interest;
- (t) "Lot" means a parcel or a single article that is the subject matter of a separate lease or delivery, whether or not it is sufficient to perform the lease contract;
- (u) "Merchant lessee" means a lessee that is a merchant with respect to goods of the kind subject to the lease;
- (v)
1. "Present value" means the amount as of a date certain of one (1) or more sums payable in the future, discounted to the date certain.
 2. The discount is determined by the interest rate specified by the parties if the rate was not manifestly unreasonable at the time the transaction was entered into; otherwise, the discount is determined by a commercially reasonable rate that takes into account the facts and circumstances of

each case at the time the transaction was entered into;

- (w) "Purchase" includes taking by sale, lease, mortgage, security interest, pledge, gift, or any other voluntary transaction creating an interest in goods;
 - (x) "Sublease" means a lease of goods the right to possession and use of which was acquired by the lessor as a lessee under an existing lease;
 - (y) "Supplier" means a person from whom a lessor buys or leases goods to be leased under a finance lease;
 - (z) "Supply contract" means a contract under which a lessor buys or leases goods to be leased; and
 - (aa) "Termination" occurs when either party pursuant to a power created by agreement or law puts an end to the lease contract otherwise than for default.
- (2) The following definitions in this article apply to this article:
- (a) "Accessions." KRS 355.2A-310(1);
 - (b) "Construction mortgage." KRS 355.2A-309(1);
 - (c) "Encumbrance." KRS 355.2A-309(1);
 - (d) "Fixtures." KRS 355.2A-309(1);
 - (e) "Fixture filing." KRS 355.2A-309(1); and
 - (f) "Purchase money lease." KRS 355.2A-309(1).
- (3) The following definitions in other articles apply to this article:
- (a) "Account." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (b) "Between merchants." KRS 355.2-104;
 - (c) "Buyer." KRS 355.2-103(1);
 - (d) "Chattel paper." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (e) "Consumer goods." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (f) "Document." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (g) "Entrusting." KRS 355.2-403(3);
 - (h) "General intangible." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (i) "Instrument." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (j) "Merchant." KRS 355.2-104;
 - (k) "Mortgage." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (l) "Pursuant to commitment." KRS 355.9-102;
 - (m) "Receipt." KRS 355.2-103;
 - (n) "Sale." KRS 355.2-106(1);
 - (o) "Sale on approval." KRS 355.2-326;
 - (p) "Sale or return." KRS 355.2-326; and
 - (q) "Seller." KRS 355.2-103.
- (4) In addition, Article 1 of this chapter contains general definitions and principles of construction and interpretation applicable throughout this article.

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