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"Document of title" includes a bill of lading, dock warrant, dock receipt, warehouse receipt, gin ticket, or compress receipt, and any other document that, in the regular course of business or financing, is treated as adequately evidencing that the person entitled under the document has the right to receive, hold, and dispose of the document and the goods it covers. To be a document of title, a document shall purport to be issued by a bailee and purport to cover goods in the bailee's possession that either are identified as or are fungible portions of an identified mass. Where goods including distilled spirits and agricultural commodities are stored under a statute requiring a bond against withdrawal or a license for the issuance of receipts in the nature of warehouse receipts, a receipt issued for the goods has like effect as a warehouse receipt even though issued by a person who is the owner of the goods and is not a warehouseman. A document of title is negotiable if by its terms the goods are to be delivered to bearer or to the order of a named person; or where recognized in overseas trade, if it runs to a named person or assigns. (COMM 1201(b)(16), 7104, 7201(b), 9102(a)(30), CCP 481.090)
