

COGSA vs. “All Risk”

Importers should not rely solely on a carrier to reimburse for a loss. Many people don't know that the carrier is not always obligated to cover your losses. COGSA, or the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, is the statute that governs the majority of international ocean shipments. COGSA incorporates a wide variety of exclusions that allow the carrier to either limit or clear themselves of liability. The “All Risk” coverage offered by OEC Group provides the broadest form of general coverage for your cargo, ICC (A). Please see the chart below for a comparison of COGSA and All Risk coverage:

Loss Type	COGSA	All Risk
General Average	✗	✓
Act of God (Lightning, Tsunami, etc.)	✗	✓
Riots and Civil Commotion	✗	✓
Improper Stowage by Steamship Lines	✗	✓
Intentional Damage	✗	✓
Perils of the Sea (Ex. Rough Weather)	✗	✓
Sunken Vessel	✗	✓
Theft or Pilferage	✗	✓
Act of War	✗	✓
Errors in Navigation	✗	✓

