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**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** November 2016 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2016 summary includes the (33) circular letters issued during the month.

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The Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules, Rule 1, b. (11), requires maintaining a copy of each “mandatory circular letter” that revises an “Interchange Rule” or the “Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices.” For your convenience, this document identifies mandatory circular letters. For those circulars that propose or implement final changes to an existing rule, standard, or recommended practice, this document provides an impact statement to car owners, lessors, mechanical shops, and railroad operations.

The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, or recommended practice, any comment due date, an impact statement, and to the extent it applies, if the circular letter is mandatory.

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Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
C-12729 Nov. 1, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Revisions to Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M; Standard S-580 - Locomotive Crashworthiness Requirements.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> In an effort to establish an effective date and clarify the requirements for paragraph 6.3 Emergency Egress, the AAR Locomotive Committee has adopted an enhanced MSRP, Section M, Standard S-580 - Locomotive Crashworthiness Requirements.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In accordance with AAR Rule 123, comments are herein solicited. Comments received within 30 days of this letter will be considered by the Locomotive Committee before final action is taken.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Locomotives</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> A draft of the revised standard S-580 is attached to this circular for review.</p>
C-12730 Nov. 3, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> New Circular Release: Implementation of Changes to the MSRP, Section K-II, Standard S-9101.V1.1 – Locomotive Electronics System Architecture (LESA) and Appendix F – Locomotive Interface Gateway (LIG).</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Locomotives</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p>

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	<p><b>Summary:</b> Standard S-9101.V1.1. This document specifies an industry-standard architecture that defines the conventions for integrating electrical and electromechanical devices on board new road locomotives. This standard applies to all new road locomotives ordered after January 1, 2012. It also provides guidance for retrofitting older locomotives and provides options for incorporating components that conform to MSRP Section M, Specification M-590, "Locomotive Electronics System Architecture."</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Users of this standard are responsible for following sound engineering practices in developing systems based on this document. Suppliers and railroads producing and purchasing hardware or software in accordance with this standard are responsible for ensuring that equipment and its application satisfy regulatory and safety requirements.</p>	<p><b>Comments:</b> The requirements contained herein represent the consensus of railroad and supplier representatives. Equipment manufacturers are free to use design techniques and technology that they consider to be cost-effective and appropriate as long as the resultant equipment is compliant with the applicable paragraphs of this standard.</p>
<p>C-12731 Nov. 7, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revision to MSRP Section J, M-1003 Specification for Quality Assurance.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Association of American Railroads Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section J, Specification for Quality Assurance, M-1003. The previous printing was issued in August 2014.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The revised Specification M-1003 is now implemented and effective immediately. Purchase this manual and update your library.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> All AAR M-1003 Certified Facilities</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> AAR M-1003 Accredited Auditors will begin documenting adverse audit findings according to these new requirements beginning 6 months from the date of this circular letter. At that time, all existing quality assurance programs must be in compliance with the 2016 issue of Specification M-1003. This window is afforded to companies in order to make necessary adjustments to quality manuals and procedures.</p>
<p>C-12733 Nov. 7, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revised AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section S, Casting Details.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Association of American Railroads Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC) has issued a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S, Casting Details.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section S, Casting Details, is now implemented effective immediately. If this is a required publication for your location, be sure to purchase it and update your library.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> If Required</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The revised MSRP Section S is now available in both printed and download versions.</p>

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C-12734 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 8, 67 and 75.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CRB Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 8, to remove Why Made 09 and Condition Code 9 from existing slack adjuster Job Codes and to create a new Job Code 4469 for R&amp;R.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12735 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41, MD-115 Submission.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the November 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41, submission of MD-115 forms.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12736 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 62, Side Bearing Crack.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Rule 62.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12737 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 88.B.7 and 89.C.1.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Field Manual Rules 88 and 89.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12738 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 88.3, Bearings Allowed.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p>

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	<p>advanced by the EEC to revise Office Manual Rule 88.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12739 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 88.3, ASCTD Receiver.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Office Manual Rule 88.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12740 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 88.3, End Truck Center Bowls on Intermodal Cars.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Office Manual Rule 88 to address leaning load issues.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Intermodal</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> If Applicable to location</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> See circular for table of proposed changes.</p>
C-12741 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 1, 17, 18 and 59, Cushion Unit Yokes.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Rules 1, 17, 18 and 59 to address excessive wear on cushion unit equipment, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12742 Nov. 7, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.A.3.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the November 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 41.A.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>

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C-12743 Nov. 9, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107.B.2.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107.B.2.a (4) to add (i) and (ii).</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12744 Nov. 9, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 108.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal was advanced by the Damaged and Defective Car Tracking (DDCT) TAG to revise Field Manual Rule 108</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2017.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Locations should review these job code revisions in the noted circular to so you are aware of the pending changes.</p>
C-12745 Nov. 14, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular - Field Manual Appendix D - Task Force Announcement.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This document is informational only as it explains the future of Appendix D of the Field Manual of AAR Interchange Rules.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This informational communication was intended to make all interested parties aware of upcoming directional efforts to Appendix D.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> There will be additional circulars indicating specific topics within the rewrite of Appendix D for which the industry's subject matter experts and suppliers will be invited to provide input in the development of the update with supporting information.</p>
C-12746 Nov. 14, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> DRAFT: Standard S-9452.V2.0 - ITCSM Common Data Dictionary for Interoperable Train Control, is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP, Section K-IV, System Management Standards.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Railway Electronics Standards Committee (RESC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT Standard S-9452.V2.0 - ITCSM Common Data Dictionary for Interoperable Train Control for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Comments regarding this DRAFT may be submitted to</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should review the proposed draft and provide comments as requested.</p>

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	<p>submitcomment@aar.org or by using the Comment Form found on the SharePoint site. The draft document and the Comment Form can be found on the RESC SharePoint at the web site noted in this circular.</p>	
<p>C-12747 Nov. 14, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Member List.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise the AAR Member lists in the Office Manual, was reviewed and approved. The AAR Railroad Affiliate Member list and the AAR Associate Members list change frequently with updates to the Office Manual published quarterly.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 update of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire list of AAR Members is available on the AAR website and is updated as changes occur. In an effort to reduce duplicate efforts and provide the most current information, the AAR Railroad Members and the AAR Affiliate Members will no longer appear in the Office Manual. Going forward, AAR Member page, in the front of the Office Manual will be updated to include a link to the complete list of AAR Members as seen in the attachment to this circular.</p>
<p>C-12748 Nov. 14, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 11.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Rule 11 to add Welding Rules for Lever Guide Carriers, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 update of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
<p>C-12749 Nov. 15, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112, and Appendix A.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the April 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the CRB Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 updates of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
<p>C-12750 Nov. 15, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 17, New Job Codes for EF5xx Couplers.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTCC to revise Rule 17 to add job codes for EF511, EF512, EF525 and EF528 couplers, was reviewed and approved.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>

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C-12751 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.C.4 Flange Height</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12752 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 53, Running Boards.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Rule 53.B.1.d Group No. 2 – Steel, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This revision will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12753 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 58, Side Sills.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Rules 58, based on comments received, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This revision will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12754 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 63.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the November 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Rule 63 to add Why Made 42, for improperly located or applied AEI tags, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This revision will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12755 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual Appendix B Rule 4.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p>

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	<p>advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Office Manual Appendix B Rule 4, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12756 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Office and Field Manuals Rule 115, and Office Manual Rule 102.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal from the DDC TAG to revise Office and Field Manuals Rule 115 and Office Manual Rule 102, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 updates of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12757 Nov. 15, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 88, Applications.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 88 for Applications, was reviewed and approved. The revisions, which include the elimination of Form A (Rebuilt Units) and Form B (Increase Life Status Units) support the change in process requiring applications to be submitted online via the Mechanical Reference Repository at <a href="http://www.railinc.com">www.railinc.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These revisions will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-12758 Nov. 17, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Changes in Methods to Obtain AAR Manuals of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRPs).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This Circular Letter is to announce a change in the method to obtain single or multiple copies of the AAR MSRPs, as well as to announce a new on-line subscription license tool for the MSRPs.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Announcement of New Product, AAR Software "On-line System for Access to AAR Manuals of Standards and Recommended Practices." For a demonstration of the system or if you have any questions, Please contact David Cackovic.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Information for the Industry</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> This is a 12-month license, to be renewed each year on the anniversary of when the agreement is made. The tool, upon agreement and payment, can be used at all locations of your company. The 12-month period begins the moment the product delivery link is provided. If you are interested, simply edit the attached sample agreement with your company name inserted, then sign and return the form attached to this circular to: David Cackovic of TTCL at <a href="mailto:david_cackovic@aar.com">david_cackovic@aar.com</a>. TTCL,</p>



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		acting on behalf of the AAR, will then invoice you for the amount of \$15,000. Upon receipt of signed agreement, the software will be provided. Payment will be required within 30 days.
C-12759 Nov. 17, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> 2017 Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules effective January 1, 2017.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The 2017 edition of the Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules is scheduled to be available January 1, 2017. This Circular Letter is to announce a change in the method to obtain the AAR Interchange Rules. We are working to automate as much of the ordering process, as possible. Thus going forward, Field and Office Manuals must be ordered via the website <a href="http://www.aarpublications.com">www.aarpublications.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Orders received by Email, Fax, or Phone call will be pushed to this site. Orders will require a credit card for payment. Prices are located on the web site, and for 2017 the prices will remain unchanged from 2016.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Information for the Industry</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The price of the Office Manual includes all revisions and/or changes issued during the year 2017. Changes in like number will be forwarded for insertion in the manual to all purchasers of the Office Manual without the necessity of reordering. The Office Manual is available in a loose-leaf version only. English and Spanish versions are available.</p>
C-12760 Nov. 29, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular – New 2016 Quality Assurance System Evaluation Checklist (QASE) Is Now Available.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Association of American Railroads’ Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has made available a new revision of the Quality Assurance System Evaluation (QASE) Checklist. The completion of the QASE is a requirement for certification under AAR Specification for Quality Assurance, M-1003. The new revision of the QASE is attached to this circular letter, and can be downloaded anytime from the following website noted within the circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Questions should be directed to Mr. Don Guillen, Manager – Quality Assurance Committee and Mr. Miles Lucero, Quality Assurance Specialist at <a href="mailto:QA@aar.com">QA@aar.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Information for the Industry</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Facilities are encouraged to become familiar with the changes to Section J as soon as possible. Any change from the previous revision is noted by a black bar in the margin of the page. Starting with the first audit in December 2016, auditors will begin auditing to the 2016 issue of Section J. When auditing to the 2016 issue between December 2016 to May 2017 no adverse audit findings will be taken when a facility does not comply specifically with changes in the 2016 issue. “Items of concern” are permissible, but no written response shall be required from the contractor for any finding taken due to nonconformance with changes in the 2016 issue of Section J. Beginning in May 2017, auditors will audit to the 2016 revision, and document adverse findings accordingly.</p>
C-12761 Nov. 29, 2016	<p><b>Subject:</b> Reminder - Registration Open for the 2017 AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Association of American Railroads Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce The 29th Annual AAR Quality Assurance</p>	<p>Information for the Industry</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Questions should be directed to Mr. Don Guillen, Manager of the AAR Quality</p>

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	<p>Auditor and Industry Conference to be held January 31 to February 3, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Attached to this circular is the QA Conference Flyer which includes online links to register for the conference and reserve your hotel room.</p>	<p>Assurance Committee at don_guillen@aar.com or Miles Lucero, Quality Assurance Specialist at miles_lucero@aar.com.</p>
<p>C-12762 Nov. 30, 2016</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17, 18, 47 and 48 - Component Transfer.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the September 2016 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CRB to revise Field Manual Rules 16, 17, 18, 47 and 48, to include Condition Code T (Component Transfer), was reviewed and approved.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> These changes will be included in the January 2017 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>