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Subject: November 2018 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2018 summary includes the (24) circular letters issued during the month.

This document provides a summary of each Association of American Railroads (“AAR”) circular letter issued during the previous month. A circular letter provides information of general applicability to the railroad industry, including proposed and final rules, standards, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR’s Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated (“TTCI”) located in Pueblo, Colorado. You may sign up to receive AAR circular letters online. If you need further assistance with access to circulars, please send any future questions and issues to Pubs@aar.com.

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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
Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular		
C-13226 Nov. 6, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised MSRP Section S, Casting Details, 2018.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC) announces a new edition of the MSRP, Section S, Casting Details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Since the last printing issued in November, 2016, the CSTCC has issued revisions through several Circular Letters. These Circular Letters are listed in the document attached to this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section S is a required publication for your location, be sure to purchase the new edition.</p>
C-13228 Nov. 8, 2018	<p>Subject: Adoption of new standard in MSRP Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-916 Retroreflective Comparator Panel Requirements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of adoption of a new standard in MSRP Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-916 Retroreflective Comparator Panel Requirements.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section L is a required publication for your location, be sure to</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: Standard S-916 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section L.</p>	<p>update your manual with the revised Standard S-916.</p>
<p>C-13227 Nov. 7, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Safety Alert Improperly Secured Tie-down Cables on Centerbeam Cars.</p> <p>Summary: A number of small derailments have occurred in rail yards caused by cables from centerbeam flatcars that are not attached properly after unloading. Also unsecured cables hanging from the car as the car is moved through yards and other facilities can create a hazard in walking areas that are in close proximity. The unloader may leave the cables loose when they return the car. This is in violation of General Rule 22.4.3- Section 1 Open Top Loading Rules. This rule states: All cables must be properly secured per manufacturer's recommendations prior to car movement.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Attached to this circular is a document illustrating both proper and improper cable securement practices.</p>	<p>Car Type: Centerbeam</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This has been a recurring problem first brought to light in December of 2015. Carriers are urged to ensure that empty cars being returned by the consignee have their cables properly secured to the railcar.</p>
<p>C-13239 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 4 and 8.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal from the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 4 and 8.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Proposed Rule change is for the adjustment of body mounted brake cylinder travel.</p>
<p>C-13238 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 3 & 7, Brake Stencils.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal from the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 3 & 7 regarding Brake Stencils.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Proposed new wording in section 7.B.8 Brake heads that do not provide for acceptance of rejection lugs on composition high friction brakes shoes shall be modified as shown in MSRP S-372.</p>
<p>C-13240 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 17.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 17.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Proposed new Rule 17.A.2.a: a. When coupler is removed from car for any</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>reason, measure coupler shank length, rear wall thickness, and butt thickness. Coupler must be replaced if any measurement is less than shown in table for Figure B</p>
<p>C-13241 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.E.5, MD Submission.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36.E.5.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This circular revises the submission of the MD-11 reports.</p>
<p>C-13242 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 53, Running Boards.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Rule 53.B.1.d.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This rule change adds another approved manufacture of running boards.</p>
<p>C-13243 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 62.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee approved a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 62 to move two defects from A.1 Condemnable at Any Time to A.2 Condemnable When Car Is on Shop or Repair Track for Any Reason.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the proposed wording changes.</p>
<p>C-13244 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Editorial Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 95.B.5.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee a proposal by the DDCT TAG to revise Field Manual Rule 95.B.5(g) and (h) to change screen to side.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the proposed wording changes.</p>
<p>C-13245 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16 and 17</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee, approved a proposal by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 16 and 17 to remove Condition Code 1 from specific Job Codes.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p>

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<p>C-13246 Nov. 15, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix I, ECP Brakes.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise the Field and Office Manuals to remove references to ECP Brakes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific rule wording revisions.</p>
<p>C-13247 Nov. 19, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 37, Wear Gage Images.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee advanced a proposal by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 37 to update wear gage images.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2019 release of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific rule wording revisions.</p>
<p>C-13248 Nov. 26, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual Rule 112.E.1.</p> <p>Summary: This is a reminder that effective January 1, 2019, the initial invoicing of car repairs for Detail Sources BR and GB must be billed within six months from the date of repair.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These editorial changes will be included in the January 1, 2019 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: IMPORTANT NOTE: It is recommended that this information be shared with all Car Repair Billing and IT personnel in your company that work with or are responsible for car repair invoices submitted to and/or received from Railinc's Data Exchange.</p>
<p>C-13249 Nov. 26, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Changes to Office Manual Appendix H - Listing of Running Repair Agents.</p> <p>Summary: The intent of this circular letter is to inform subscribers of upcoming changes to Appendix H of the AAR Office Manual. Appendix H provides a listing of current Running Repair Agent and Sponsoring Railroad details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Effective immediately, please use the following link to access the listing of Running Repair Agents: https://www.railinc.com/findusrail.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This listing is now available in a real-time, downloadable CSV format within Railinc's FindUs.Rail application.</p>

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Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-13229 Nov. 12, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 5 & 6, Trainline End Hose Extension Application.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee proposed by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 5 & 6 regarding Trainline End Hose Extension Application, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The revision is to address these improper applications when a car is inappropriately equipped.</p>
<p>C-13230 Nov. 12, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107 and Appendix A, Betterments.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee proposed to revise the Field and Office Manuals Appendix A, definition of Betterments, and to revise Office Manual Rule 107 to identify the ability to for the damaging carrier to request information from the car owner and to include reference the Umler Data Specification Manual, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review this circulars suggested language to determine its affect and provide comments as car owners see fit.</p>
<p>C-13232 Nov. 12, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 80 and 88.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee proposed by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 80 and 88, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee and the Equipment Engineering Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See Rule change proposal wording in the attachments to this circular for both Rule 80 and 88.</p>
<p>C-13231 Nov. 12, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for New EHMS Alert, AEIMISMATCH.</p> <p>Summary: This circular is to solicit comments for a new EHMS alert. The alert is titled AEIMISMATCH and supports AAR Field Manual Rule 63.A.3.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Equipment Health Monitoring Committee prior to taking action.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The AEIMISMATCH alert brings visibility to cars that have had two reported records indicating conflicting data exists between two tags on the same car. The existence of the alert indicates that one of the</p>

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		two tags placed on the equipment is incorrect. The tags should be verified with a handheld AEI reader and corrected to match Umler data for the stencil mark on the equipment.
C-13233 Nov. 12, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee, proposed as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112.G.7 was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Car Repair Billing and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review and comment if appropriate.</p>
C-13234 Nov. 13, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 44, Purchased Core Wheel Set.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee is issuing a revised proposal to FM Rule 44. Also attached to this circular is the Cost Benefit Analysis for these revisions.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these revisions to purchased core wheel set requirements, if appropriate.</p>
C-13235 Nov. 13, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee advanced a proposal by EEC to revise Field Manual Rule 59 for measurement of cushioning unit wear gage.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comment, if appropriate.</p>
C-13326 Nov. 13, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 66.</p> <p>Summary: The ARB Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 66. The proposed changes are being made as the industry moves from a time based regulation (10 year replacement) to a performance based rule (when reflective properties are low).</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2019.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comment, if appropriate.</p>

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<p>C-13237 Nov. 14, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, RP-631, MD-11 Reporting and Bearing External Inspection.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, RP-631, revision to MD-11 reporting and bearing external inspections.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the WABL Committee prior to final action on the revisions which are the subject of the comments.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comment, if appropriate. Note: The proposed revisions do not have costs associated with implementation.</p>