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Subject: June 2018 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2018 summary includes the (16) 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.

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
Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular		
C-13154 June 1, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section H, Journal Bearings and Lubrication, M-924, M-934, M-934C, and M-942, Backing Rings, Grease and Seal Combinations.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section H, Journal Bearings and Lubrication, M-924, M-934, M-934C, and M-942, addition of alternative measuring techniques used for adapter manufacturing, update to the AAR-approved roller bearing backing rings, and an update to the AAR-approved roller bearing grease and seal combinations.</p> <p>Implementation Date: M-924, M-934, M-934C, and M-942 are now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section H is a required publication for your facility, be sure to update M-924, M-934, M-934C, and M-942 in your manual.</p>

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C-13135 June 14, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 141 – Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved New Figure 141, track panels, mixed lengths -special equipped flatcars with permanent a-frame structure—Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this new figure is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 141 in your copy Section 3.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas - Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
C-13155 June 14, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 141 – Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved New Figure 141, track panels, mixed lengths -special equipped flatcars with permanent a-frame structure—Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this new figure is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 141 in your copy Section 3.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas - Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
C-13156 June 14, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 22-D bars, steel, loose or packaged, single or multiple piles— gondolas – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved new Figure 22-D - bars, steel, loose or packaged, single or multiple piles—gondolas – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this new figure is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim place the circular attachment for Figure 22-D in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas - Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
C-13159 June 21, 2018	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Further Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107.G.</p> <p>Summary: the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107.G Exhibit IV, Exhibit IV Note (3), and Exhibit V was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Auto Racks</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Nothing additional.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2018 update to the Office Manual.</p>	
<p>C-13160 June 22, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 103.C.5.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 103.C.5 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2018 update to the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This is an editorial change.</p>
<p>C-13161 June 22, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.A.1.h (3) and New EHMS Alert.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee clarified Field Manual Rule 41. Also, the Inspection Quality TAG has proposed a new EHMS alert, WILD-WPD, which was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revisions is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the July 2018 update of the Field Manual and the WILD-WPD alert will be available on July 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the complete explanation of these revisions.</p>
<p>C-13162 June 25, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: July 2018 Field and Office Manual, Summary of Comments and Implementation Details.</p> <p>Summary: Several informational letters were issued in May and June which advised of approved changes that would become effective on July 1, 2018. Shown within this circular is a recap of those letters seeking industry comment, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The various proposals as issued in the above listed letters, with the changes noted, stand approved and will be included in the July 2018 AAR Interchange Rule books.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Information to the industry</p> <p>Repair Shop: Information to the industry</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for specific FM Rules that are effected.</p>
<p>C-13163 June 26, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Editorial Revisions to MSRP Section E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, Standard S-486, Code of Air Brake System Tests for Freight Equipment – Single Car Test, Edits Clarifying Intent.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of editorial revisions to E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, Standard S-486, Code of Air Brake System Tests for Freight Equipment – Single Car Test, to clarify any potential misunderstanding of the intent. These changes are reflected on pages 15 and 21.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section E is a required publication for your location, be sure to update S-486 in your manual, as well as all of your SCABT buggies.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: The revised Standard S-486 is now implemented and effective. The compliance and sunset dates as described in C-13130 remain. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section E.</p>	
<p>C-13164 June 26, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, S-4027, Automated Single-Car Test Equipment, Conventional Brake Equipment—Design and Performance Requirements, Test Updates for Brake Cylinder Maintaining.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section E, Standard S-4027, Automated Single-Car Test Equipment, Conventional Brake Equipment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section E.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes, if you utilize SCABT automated equipment</p> <p>Comments: If Section E is a required publication for your location, be sure to update S-4027 in your manual, as well as all of your automated SCABT buggies.</p>
<p>C-13165 June 28, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-IV Railroad Electronics Messaging Standards, Positive Train Control (PTC) Office - Locomotive Segment - Interface Control Document (ICD), Standard S-9361.V2.0.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9361.V2.0 describes the message formats for messaging flowing between the locomotive and the back office.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9361.V1.0 was Adopted in 2013, S-9361.V2.0 Revised and Implemented in June 2018 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. It will be incorporated in the next issue of the MSRP, Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging Standards. Insert this Circular in your copy of MSRP Section K-IV.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-IV is a required publication for your location, download the revised Standard S-9361.V2.0.</p>
<p>C-13166 June 28, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-IV Railroad Electronics Messaging Standards, PTC Back Office Segment-Energy Management Interface Control Document (ICD), Standard S-9372.V2.0.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9372.V2.0 describes the message formats for messaging flowing between the office and the energy management system.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9372.V1.0 was Adopted in 2014, S-9372.V2.0 Revised and Implemented in June 2018 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. It will be incorporated in the</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-IV is a required publication for your location, download the revised Standard S-9372.V2.0.</p>

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	next issue of the MSRP, Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging Standards. Interim, insert this Circular in your copy of the MSRP Section K-IV.	
C-13167 June 28, 2018	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-5 Electronics Environmental Requirements & Systems Management, ITCSM Interface Control Document for Interoperable Train Control, Standard S-9460.V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9460.V1.0 describes the message formats for Interoperable Train Control Systems Management (ITCSM) which facilitates communication among the Back Office components, the ITCSM Gateway, and all ITCSM compliant Assets that use ITCSM Agent.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9460.V1.0 was Adopted in June 2018 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. It will be incorporated in the next issue of the MSRP, Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management. Insert this Circular in your copy of the MSRP Section K-V</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-IV is a required publication for your location, download the revised Standard S-9460.V1.0.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
C-13158 June 21, 2018	<p>Subject: Car Repair Facility Labor Rate - Effective July 1, 2018.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2018 is \$139.02, an increase of 2.0 percent (\$2.67) from the calculation for April 1, 2018.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The increase was caused almost entirely by the national labor agreement for the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen (BRC), which has a general wage increase of 2.5 percent effective July 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Nothing additional.</p>
C-13157 June 20, 2018	<p>Subject: Announcement - Town Hall Meetings on Car Repair Rates.</p> <p>Summary: Town Hall Meetings were held to discuss comments received in response to Circular Letter C-12301, a solicitation of comments on the proposed change to the method by which the charges for repairs made to freight cars would be established in some situations (Appendix J to the AAR Office Manual).</p> <p>Implementation Date: In order to discuss the proposed solution with the Industry, the AAR will be hosting two Town Hall meetings. The first is scheduled for July 11, 2018 in Chicago (Rosemont)</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Based on the comments received and the feedback from the Town Hall Meetings in 2015, the Arbitration and Rules Committee has developed a new proposed solution by which the charges for repairs made to freight cars will be established that introduces blended rates. In addition to the Class 1 Railroad input into the rate calculations that occur today, the proposed blended rates</p>

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	and the second will be held in early September in Saint Louis, MO.	would include input from Short Line Railroads and Running Repair Agents.
C-13168 June 29, 2018	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revision to Car Repair Billing Price Master to Account for Obsolete Material.</p> <p>Summary: the Car Repair Billing Committee, a proposal to revise pricing for several Job Codes in the AAR Price Master was reviewed and approved. These changes are due to the updated definition of "Obsolete".</p> <p>Implementation Date: Effective July 1, 2018, the following Job Code couplets are now priced in accordance with Field Manual Rule B.10:</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for a complete list of the effected job codes.</p>