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Subject: December 2019 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The December 2019 summary includes the (17) 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-13428 Oct. 18, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 5, 17, 25, 43 and Appendix D – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR’s Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual – General Rules 5, 17, 25, 43 and Appendix D.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR’s manual. Insert the circular attachments for General Rules 5, 17, 25, 43 and Appendix D in your Section 1 copy.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top - 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-13487 Dec. 6, 2019	<p>Subject: AAR Safety Alert Related To Loading and Unloading of Rail Cars.</p> <p>Summary: During loading and/or unloading of rail cars caution must be taken to ensure personnel are in the clear, if any part of the load were to move or shift unexpectedly.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight - Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: Immediately.</p>	<p>Comments: Railroads 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>
<p>C-13489 Dec. 6, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised MSRP Section D, Trucks and Truck Details, 2019.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) is pleased to announce a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section D, Trucks and Truck Details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section D is now available in both printed and electronic versions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section D is a required publication for your location, be sure that you purchase the new edition.</p>
<p>C-13489 Dec. 6, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised MSRP Section D, Trucks and Truck Details, 2019.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) announced a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section D, Trucks and Truck Details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All previously implemented standards and specifications are included in this print of Section D.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The revised MSRP Section D is now available in both printed and electronic versions. If this is a required publication for your location, be sure to purchase the new edition and update your master document list.</p>
<p>C-13491 Dec. 11, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: Circular, Office Manual Rule 107, Freight Car Index Factor.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Billing Committee has approved the 2019 Freight Car Index Factor of 201 to be used in 2020. This number is unchanged from the 2018 Freight Car Index Factor. The Freight Car Index Factor is based on the Freight Car Producer Price Index from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The new Freight Car Index Factor will be published in Rule 107 of the Office Manual, and will become effective January 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Refer to Office Manual Rule 107.</p>
<p>C-13492 Dec. 11, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular for EHMS Alerts AEIUMLER, WPDWHEEL and WPDAXLE.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of new Equipment Health Management System (EHMS) Alerts, AEIUMLER, WPDWHEEL and WPDAXLE.</p> <p>Implementation Date: EHMS Alerts, AEIUMLER, WPDWHEEL and WPDAXLE were implemented on December 12, 2019 and are available in EHMS.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If any questions arise, questions to the AAR via email at nfimple@aar.org.</p>

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C-13493 Dec. 12, 2019	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3.E.12.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee issued a proposal to clarify Rule 3.E.12, that was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>
C-13495 Dec. 16, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-6010, Wheel Profile Detector.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section F, Sensors, Standard S-6010, Wheel Profile Detector.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-6010 is implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</p>
C-13496 Dec. 16, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-6200, Machine Vision Detector</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section F, Sensors, Standard S-6200, Machine Vision Detector.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-6200 is implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</p>
C-13497 Dec. 17, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular for EHMS Alerts MVECOUPLER and MVFCOUPLER.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of new Equipment Health Management System (EHMS) Alerts, MVECOUPLER and MVFCOUPLER..</p> <p>Implementation Date: EHMS Alerts, MVECOUPLER and MVFCOUPLER were implemented on December 17, 2019 and are available in EHMS.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: No comments were received on C-13466 and C-13467.</p>
C-13498 Dec. 19, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section A, and Appendix B, Tank Containers, and Bias Ply Tires.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section A, and Appendix B, to change from the bilateral agreement requirement for double-stacking non-hazardous tank containers, to permitting the stacking of a dry or non-hazardous container on a non-hazardous ISO tank, and the removal of the minimum Standard for Retreading and Repairing Bias Ply Tires.</p>	<p>Car Type: Intermodal</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Users should update your manual with the revised Section A and Appendix B.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section A, and Appendix B, are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	
CPC-1354 Dec. 20, 2019	<p>Subject: Final Action, Revisions to MSRP Section C-III, Specification for Tank Cars (M-1002), Appendix B - Certification of Tank Car Facilities and associated Chapter 1 Definitions (Docket T91.2.4).</p> <p>Summary: This is the final action on revisions to Appendix B and Chapter 1 of the AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section C, Part III, Specifications for Tank Cars (M-1002).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The Effective Date of this Final Action is January 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section C-III is a required publication for your facility, be sure to update Chapter 1 and Appendix B with the attachments to this circular letter.</p>
CPC-1355 Dec. 20, 2019	<p>Subject: Notification to Industry on Updated AAR M-1002 Exhibit T-1 Transition M-1002 Appendix B Certification Element Form.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this CPC is to notify the industry that an updated M-1002 Exhibit T-1 form is available for use. This updated form reflects the final action published within CPC-1354. CPC-1351 remains in effect including the instructions and requirements regarding the Exhibit T-1 form.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions shall be directed to Matt Forister, Director Tank Car Safety.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The attached Exhibit T-1 Version 1.0 form supersedes Exhibit T-1 Orig. form published in CPC-1351.</p>
C-13499 Dec. 26, 2019	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular for Updates to EHMS Alert, AEITAG and EHMS Data Summary AEI_TAG.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of updates to EHMS Alert, AEITAG and EHMS Data Summary AEI_TAG.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Updates to the auto close logic for EHMS Data Summary AEI_TAG and Alert AEITAG were implemented on October 9, 2019 and are available in EHMS.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: submit questions to the AAR via email at gdeibler@aar.org.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
C-13494 Dec. 13, 2019	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-220 and M-214, Regarding Inspection and Reconditioning of Side Frames and Bolsters for Interchange Service Past 52 Years from Date Cast.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specifications M-220 and M-214 regarding inspection and reconditioning requirements for extending interchange service life of side frames and bolsters past 52 years from date cast.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the CSTCC prior to taking action.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The proposed changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached files to this circular which will upon implementation replace the specifications in their entirety.</p>

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General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-13488 Dec. 6, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: 2020 Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules Effective January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The 2020 edition of the Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules is scheduled to be available January 1, 2020. On December 9, 2019, at mid-day, the 2020 Field and Office Manuals may be preordered via the website www.aarpublications.com. Orders will require a credit card for payment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Prices are located on the web site. The manuals will be delivered via ground transportation (paper) or by electronic means starting January 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments:</p>
<p>C-13490 Dec. 11, 2019</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective January 1, 2020 is \$141.24. This represents an increase of 0.2 percent (\$0.35) from the calculation for October 1, 2019.</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Car owners should be aware of this railroad labor increase.</p>