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Subject: October 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The October 2020 summary includes the (16) circular letters issued during the month.

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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-13657 Oct. 14, 2020	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging, Standard S-9361.V3.0</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9361.V3.0 contains messages passed between the Positive Train Control (PTC) Office Segment and the Locomotive Segment, and messages passed between the Wayside Status Relay Service (WSRS) and the Locomotive Segment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9361.V1.0 was Adopted in 2013, S-9361.V3.0 was revised and implemented in October 2020 and is attached to this Circular in PDF format.</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 facility, be sure to download the attachment and update your manual.</p>

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<p>C-13658 Oct. 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 54-A, 58-C, 88-C, 88-K, and 91 – Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 6 OTLR manual for Figures 54-A, 58-C, 88-C, 88-K, and 91.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachments for Figures 54-A, 58-C, 88-C, 88-K, and 91 in your Section 6.</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>
<p>C-13659 Oct. 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revision to Figure 27 from Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revision to Figure 27 from Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 27 from Section 5.</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>
<p>C-13660 Oct. 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revision to General Rule 22 from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revision to General Rule 22 from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachment for General Rule 22 from Section 1.</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>

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C-13662 Oct. 26, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 55-D, 205, and 210 from 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 the noted revisions within this circular to Figures 55-D, 205, and 210 from Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachments for Figures 55-D, 205, and 210 into your copy of Section 3.</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-13667 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 1.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Rule 1, 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 January 2021 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See circular to review these rule revisions.</p>
C-13668 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Field Manual, Rules 3, 9 and 83</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 3, 9 and 83, 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 January 2021 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See circular to review these rule revisions.</p>
C-13669 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 4</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 4.F to blend Job Codes 1328 and 1330 to eliminate confusion with billing, 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 January 2021 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See circular to review these rule revisions.</p>

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C-13671 Oct. 29, 2020	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications, Standard S-9502.V1.1.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9502.V1.1 provides a common track data exchange format for use between railroads in support of track data maintenance activities for interoperable PTC operations. The data exchange process and mechanism are dependent on arrangements between railroads exchanging information.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-9502.V1.1 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP, Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications. Insert the Circular in your copy of the MSRP Section K-VI.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Those who need access to the external content, follow the links in the document itself.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
C-13656 Oct. 14, 2020	<p>Subject: DRAFT Recommended Practice RP-9457.V2.0 - Positive Train Control Master Test Strategy (MTS), is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP, Section K-V, Electronics Environmental Requirements & Systems Management.</p> <p>Summary: Comments regarding the DRAFT may be submitted by using the Comment Form found on the SharePoint site and emailing the completed form to submitcomment@aar.org.</p> <p>Implementation Date: In order to provide time for review and comment, this document will have a 10-day comment period. The time period will begin with the date posted above, which begins 10/14/2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Positive Train Control system (PTC) master test strategy (MTS) provides a recommended practice for testing the PTC system.</p>
C-13661 Oct. 26, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of comments from the industry to determine best method of securing dunnage to nailable steel floors on equipped railcars that would be complaint with AAR OTLR's.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has been tasked with the process of reaching out to the industry concerning the nailing of wood dunnage to rail cars that are equipped with nailable steel floors. The three rules noted within this circular related to nailable steel floors from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: No firm date is noted to close the comments.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top (Railroads)</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: OTLR committee would like to know if you have any suggestion and/or experience with other methods of securing dunnage to the nailable steel floors on equipped rail cars that would be complaint with AAR OTLR's.</p>

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C-13663 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3.E.13.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 3.E.13, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these proposed changes and provide any comments prior to the 30-day expiration window.</p>
C-13664 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 7, 9, 67 and 75.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 7, 9, 67 and 75, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these proposed changes and provide any comments prior to the 30-day expiration window.</p>
C-13665 Oct. 28, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 5.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Rule 5 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these proposed changes and provide any comments prior to the 30-day expiration window.</p>

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<p>C-13666 Oct. 28, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B.E.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee to revise Field Manual Appendix B.E, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</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, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these proposed changes and provide any comments prior to the 30-day expiration window.</p>
<p>C-13670 Oct. 28, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 3 and 4.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 4 to add a new Job Code for Empty/Load Sensor Arms, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these proposed changes and provide any comments prior to the 30-day expiration window.</p>