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Subject: February 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The February 2020 summary includes the (6) 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-13512 Feb. 21, 2020 Mandatory Circular	<p>Subject: Correction to the January 1, 2020 Release of the Office Manual - Rule 112.</p> <p>Summary: After the issuance of the January 1, 2020 Office Manual, it was brought to AAR’s attention that editorial changes to Rule 112.3 and Rule 112.6 were required. The entirety of the changes is identified within this circular. Be sure to print the attached changed pages and insert into your Office Manual, replacing pages 105-108.</p> <p>Implementation Date: <i>This Circular is identified as <u>mandatory</u></i> in accordance with Field Manual Rule 1.5.b.(11) and must be maintained until the next revision of the Office Manual. AAAR will not be reissuing the Office Manual until the regularly scheduled April 1, 2020 revision.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Be advised that error code 3T will remain an informational only error until after the July 2020 CRB Data Exchange run. This allows repairs made in the first half of 2019 with their full 12 months to be invoiced. Accordingly, no exceptions for violating six-month time limits shall be taken to CRB invoices for detail sources DC, DE, DM, and MA until after the July 2020 CRB Data Exchange run.</p>

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Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-13508 Feb. 12, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: DRAFT Standard S-9203.V1.1 - Automatic Equipment Identification, is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP, Section KIII, Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging.</p> <p>Summary: The Automatic Equipment Identification Committee (AEIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT Standard S-9203.V1.1 - Automatic Equipment Identification, for review and comment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments will be available for review. Refer to this circular for the web link access.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This document specifies requirements for the automatic electronic identification of equipment used in rail transportation, such as railcars, locomotives, intermodal vehicles, and end-of-train devices.</p>
<p>C-13509 Feb. 12, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: DRAFT S-9203A.V1.1 - AEI Site-To-Host Consist Report Format, is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP, KIII, Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging</p> <p>Summary: The Automatic Equipment Identification Committee (AEIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT Standard S-9203A.V1.1 - AEI Site-To-Host Consist Report Format, for review and comment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments will be available for review. Refer to this circular for the web link access.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This document contains information about the AEI Site-To-Host consist report format developed by cooperating railroads and vendors, otherwise known as the "T-94" format.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-13507 Feb. 10, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Announcement - Town Hall Meeting on Early Warning System Rewrite & Car Repair Rates.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on March 26, 2020 to discuss the rewrite of the Early Warning System and changes to the Car Repair Rates to include input from non-Class 1 railroads and Running Repair Agents.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Those attending the Town Hall in Rosemont are asked to register with Peggy Kinzey of our staff at PKinzey@aar.org, before March 18th. Hotel accommodations are the individual's responsibility. AAR has not arranged for any room blocks.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for hotel and time details.</p>
<p>C-13510 Feb. 12, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Changes to CRB Data Exchange – New Allowable Value for Machine Priceable Field.</p> <p>Summary: The intent of this Circular Letter is to provide notice of upcoming changes to the “Machine Priceable”</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p>

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	<p>field in the Car Repair Billing (CRB) Data Exchange 500-byte file to allow comprehensive error handling with non-AAR pricing. Currently, the Machine Priceable field allows values “Y” – “Yes” and “N” – “No”.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The CRB Committee has set a goal implementation of July 2020. Please direct any comments or questions to the undersigned at mlucero@aar.org. All comments will be passed on to the CRB Committee for consideration.</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-13511 Feb. 20, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Open Registration for all 2020 AAR M-1003 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training Classes.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has scheduled all the 2020 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training classes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions should be directed to either Don Guillen or Mark Rusovick with the AAR Quality Assurance Committee at QA@aar.com.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Notice</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties are encouraged to enroll promptly as classes tend to fill quickly and acceptance is based on a first-come first-serve basis</p>