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Subject: June 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2020 summary includes the (20) 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-13593 June 1, 2020	<p>Subject: Temporary Relief, MSRP S-6101 and Office Manual Rule 94.8, Detector Calibration.</p> <p>Summary: A proposal advanced by the Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) to provide temporary relief of rules related to detector calibration requirements due to travel restrictions related to COVID-19, was reviewed and approved by Arbitration and Rules Committee.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All registered detectors that were properly functioning, in-service and maintaining original equipment manufacturer (OEM) calibration documentation as of January 1, 2020 shall continue to be designated as calibrated until September 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: MSRP S-6101 § 1.1 and Office Manual Rule 94.8 contain rules for detector calibration and related data.</p>
CPC-1368	<p>Subject: Notification to Tank Car Facilities on Submittal of AAR M-1002 Exhibit T-1 by July 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p>

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June 2, 2020	<p>Summary: The purpose of this CPC is to notify tank car facilities that the AAR BOE needs each facility to provide the M-1002 Exhibit T-1 form as directed.</p> <p>Implementation Date: By July 31, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The T-1 form is attached to this circular.</p>
C-13594 June 2, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of 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 notify the industry of revisions to Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, RP-631, revision to MD-11 reporting and bearing external inspections to complete MD-11 form prior to completing external inspection.</p> <p>Implementation Date: RP-631 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section G-II.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section G-II is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revised RP-631 and update your copy.</p>
C-13595 June 3, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-910, Marking of Freight Cars, Complete revision of the Standard.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-910, Marking of Freight Cars. The Standard has been completely rewritten as indicated by change bars on every page of the document. S-910 is effective upon implementation, and compliance will be required by July 1, 2021.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-910, attached to this circular, is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section L is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised S-910 and update your manual.</p>
C-13600 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M, Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Standard S-591 Locomotive System Integration Operating Display</p> <p>Summary: Revisions to Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section M, Standard: S-591.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised S-591 standard is attached to this circular and will be reflected in the next issue of Section M.</p>	<p>Car Type: Locomotives</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section M is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised S-591 and update your manual.</p>

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CPC-1369 June 10, 2020	<p>Subject: Midland Vacuum Relief Valve Markings.</p> <p>Summary: This circular notifies the industry of the need to acquire labels and apply them to Vacuum Relief Valve labels manufactured by Midland Manufacturing. These labels are applied to all Midland Vacuum Relief Valve with a setting of 0.75 psi that are built before June 2018. Models:(A-207, 209, 210, 211, 212, 217, 220, 222). The labels have the relief valve setting on them as required by AAR MSRP C-III (M-1002), Appendix B paragraph 6.5.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Information related to these labels can be found on Midland’s Technical Service Bulletin page. The VRV TSB is 20180606 Rev B Issued 7/12/2018, part number for the supplemental label is 217-012-PL.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: These labels can be ordered free of charge by contacting Midland’s customer service manager, Margarette Ward (margarette.ward@opwglobal.com).</p>
CPC-1370 June 23, 2020	<p>Subject: Stub Sill Reinforcing Pad Inspection of Certain ARI-Built Tank Cars.</p> <p>Summary: Certain tank cars built by ARI-Marmaduke (ARIA) equipped with a reinforcing pad at the inboard end of the stub sill require inspection at a certified tank car facility no later than the next qualification, not to exceed 10 years.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The AAR Tank Car Committee has called for a Maintenance Advisory with mandatory inspection of these cars. MA-193 has been opened to track inspections and repairs completed. A list of cars subject to this inspection is provided in the attachment. The cars subject to this Advisory have not exhibited weld failures in service.</p>	<p>Car Type: ARI Built Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes, if you own one or more of these cars.</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: In accordance with Interchange Rule 125, this Advisory is assigned Severity Code 06 - AAR Defined. Equipment owners are to have their cars inspected at an AAR certified facility capable of making the inspection and repair.</p>
C-13602 June 26, 2020	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications, Standard S-9502.V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9502.V1.0 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 the railroads exchanging information.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions should be directed to Melody Sheahan.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Standard S-9502.V1.0 has external content. Those who need access to the external content, are directed to follow the links in the document itself.</p>
C-13604 June 29, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-920 AAR Component Identification (CID) Bar Code Standard, and MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Components, Cushioning Devices Specifications M-921B-C-D-E-F. Component Tracking.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP Section F, SENSORS, Standard S-920 AAR Component Identification (CID) Bar Code Standard, and MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, all cushioning device specifications noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Attached are the revised publications, now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Cushioning Devices Specifications M-921B-C-D-E-F. Component Tracking.</p>
C-13606 June 29, 2020	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Cost Benefit Analysis, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 3 & 4, 4-Pressure Testing.</p> <p>Summary: The revisions to Rules 3 and 4 will 1) allow a repairing party to bill for the retrofit of equipment required to perform a 4-pressure single car test (SCT) and 2) require 4-pressure testing capability for all repair facilities which perform SCTs. A cost benefit has been performed to assess the industry impacts.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Address questions to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This cost benefit analysis assumes the best-case scenario. New Rule 4.E.25 requires shops and repair tracks to acquire automated testers with 4-pressure testing capability by July 1, 2023. Therefore, the cost benefit assumes 100% compliance by this date.</p>
C-13607 June 30, 2020	<p>Subject: July 2020 Field and Office Manual, Summary of Comments and Implementation Details.</p> <p>Summary: In April and May 2020, several Circular Letters soliciting comments to the proposed rule changes were issued. In addition, several letters were issued that advised of approved changes that would become effective on July 1, 2020. Shown within this circular is a recap of those letters seeking industry comment, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details. Unless otherwise noted, the rule changes are for the Field Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Accordingly, the various proposals as issued in the above listed letters, with the changes noted, stand approved and will be implemented effective July 1, 2020 with the release of the July 2020 AAR Interchange Rule revisions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for specific comments related to the ones pending approval.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
C-13599 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section T M-1004 Specification for Fuel Tenders, and for Supporting Standards S-5028, S-5029 and S-5030.</p>	<p>Car Type: RR Fuel Tenders</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: This circular letter is to seek industry comments to a revised M-1004 Specification for Fuel Tenders. This circular letter also seeks industry comments to M-1004 supporting standards S-5028, S-5029 and S-5030.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these standards and provide any comments back to AAR as requested.</p>
C-13599 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section T M-1004 Specification for Fuel Tenders, and for Supporting Standards S-5028, S-5029 and S-5030.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to seek industry comments to a revised M-1004 Specification for Fuel Tenders. This circular letter also seeks industry comments to M-1004 supporting standards S-5028, S-5029 and S-5030.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered.</p>	<p>Car Type: RR Fuel Tenders</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these standards and provide any comments back to AAR as requested.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
C-13596 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Schedule for 2020 AAR M-1003 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training Classes – June Update 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has rescheduled some 2020 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training classes, and has moved other classes to a Webinar-based training format.</p> <p>Implementation Date: 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>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Current registrants in classes that have been changed, your class registration will be cancelled, and class fees will be refunded.</p>
C-13597 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2020 is \$141.00. This represents a decrease of \$0.22 from the calculation for April 1, 2020.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July1, 2020 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
C-13598 June 4, 2020	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2020 is \$184.55 CAD. This represents an</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p>

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	<p>increase of \$1.94 CAD from the calculation for April 1, 2020.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July 1, 2020 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Comments: The increase was due to the currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health & Welfare portions.</p>
C-13601 June 24, 2020	<p>Subject: Fall 2020 AAR Technical Committee Meetings.</p> <p>Summary: In light of our country's situation with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic, the AAR is putting safety first and looking at ways to prevent the chance for coronavirus exposure for those who participate in and support AAR committees. Therefore, AAR has determined that for the second half of 2020, it's appropriate to arrange teleconferences or webcasts in lieu of holding face-to-face meetings. This will also avoid expenses during this time of business downturn. Attached to this circular is a list of those committees now planning with this approach in mind.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Information for the industry, refer to this circular for meeting dates.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: The circular has a link to the meeting schedule on-line.</p>
C-13603 June 26, 2020	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Cost Analysis, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 4, Over Age Brake Valves</p> <p>Summary: the Arbitration and Rules Committee proposals to revise Field Manual Rule 4 to address renewal requirements for brake valves regarding age and cold weather temperatures, were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The Federal Railroad Administration is eager for the AAR to implement the changes as planned on July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Included in this circular is the cost analysis. Benefits from the proposed rule change have not been assessed since an industry study to measure potential brake performance improvements has not been conducted. Therefore, a full cost-benefit has not been performed.</p>
C-13605 June 29, 2020	<p>Subject: AAR Safety Alert regarding Improperly Secured Tie-down Cables on Centerbeam Cars.</p> <p>Summary: This safety alert is being reissued due to ongoing and recurring non-compliance to rules established by AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Committee concerning securement of cables on empty centerbeam cars.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads/Open Top Loading Rules</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This rule states: All cables must be properly secured per manufacturer's recommendations prior to car movement.</p>

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	Implementation Date: Questions should be directed to Mr. Rama Maram, Manager – AAR Open Top Loading Rules at TPCI via email.	