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Subject: July 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The July 2020 summary includes the (xx) 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-13608 July 9, 2020	<p>Subject: Correction to Office Manual Price Matrices Retroactive to July 1, 2019.</p> <p>Summary: This Circular Letter is to authorize counter billing related to incorrect pricing for Job Code 1186 – Flexible Hose, 3/4 Inch or Smaller. Since its introduction in July 2019, Job Code 1186 had incorrectly utilized a variable labor charge. The pricing has been corrected in the July 1, 2020 release of the Price Master to use a fixed labor charge.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All parties involved in the issuance or receipt of erroneous charges are given the authority to counter bill in accordance with AAR Office Manual Rule 112.D.2. A chart with detailed information regarding correct quarterly pricing is shown in this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: All Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific job codes involved.</p>

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C-13610 July 16, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to Voluntary Implementation Dates for Cushioning Device Component Tracking.</p> <p>Summary: Comments on proposed revisions to Field Manual Rule 59 to enable registration of Cushioning Units in the AAR Component Registry and comments on proposed revisions to MSRP Section F, SENSORS, Standard S-920 AAR Component Identification (CID) Bar Code Standard, and the cushioning device specifications (M921B-C-D-E-F) in MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components were both accepted.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The mandatory implementation dates have not changed. Also, early compliance (e.g. October 1, 2020) is still encouraged, with respect to OEM/RCDR application of bar codes, component registration with Railinc, component association, and field registration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Due to other priority industry projects, some of the voluntary compliance dates and the CRB System informational edits are hereby postponed by one month to November 1, 2020.</p>
C-13611 July 16, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 88, 109, 128-B, and 129 from 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 the revisions to Figures 88, 109, 128-B, and 129 from Section 2 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. I</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13613 July 20, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular for Additions to MSRP, Section F – Sensors: Standard S-6102, Wayside Passing Data Format.</p> <p>Summary: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) is releasing this implementation circular to notify the industry of additions to AAR's Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F – Sensors: Standard S-6102, Wayside Passing Data Format.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The items noted in this circular will be available in Railinc's Equipment Health Monitoring System (EHMS) beginning on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Nothing additional.</p>
C-13615 July 22, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 43-D, 43-E, 43-H, 43-I, 43-K and 43-T from Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the following revisions to Figures 43-D, 43-E, 43-H, 43-I, 43-K and 43-T from Section 2 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 43-D, 43-E, 43-H, 43-I, 43-K and 43-T from Section 2.</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-13616 July 22, 2020	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 9-D and 9-F from 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 the following revisions to Figures 9-D and 9-F from Section 2 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 9-D and 9-F from Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13618 July 23, 2020	<p>Subject: Notice of Implementation to archive Figures 5-A, 5-B, 12-A, 14, and 55 – Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has requested comments from the industry via circular C-13540 to archive Section 5, Figures 5-A, 5-B, 12-A, 14, and 55. The OTLRC believes these figures are no longer used for load preparation, so there is no value in retaining these figures in the OTLR manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The changes to Sections 5 and 4 OTLR are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 5-A, 5-B, 12-A, 14, and 55 in your Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13619 July 23, 2020	<p>Subject: Notice of Implementation to archive Figure 280: Pipe, Steel, Bare, Coated, or Wrapped, 14 in. to 72 in. O.D., 80 ft. Long, Single Pile, Double-End Overhang-Flatcars – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular</p>

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	<p>Summary: The OTLRC believes this figure is no longer used for load preparation, so there is no value in retaining the figure in the OTLR manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The changes to Sections 2 and 4 OTLR are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 280 in your Section 2.</p>	<p>letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
<p>C-13620 July 29, 2020 Mandatory Circular</p>	<p>Subject: Immediate Implementation of Revisions to the 2020 Field Manual, Pages Missing from Printed Revisions.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry that revised pages 51-52 of the Field Manual July updates were inadvertently left out of the printed yellow pages.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This Circular is identified as mandatory in accordance with Field Manual Rule 1.5.b.(11) and must be maintained until the next revision of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Attached to this circular are the pdf of July 2020 Field Manual pages 51-52.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-13609 July 16, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments to include Cordura Sleeves in Figure 14-B: Plate or Slab, Horizontal, Steel, 20 ft. long or Over on Flatcars or Bulkhead Flatcars – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requests comments from the industry to include Cordura Sleeves in Figure 14-B: Plate or Slab, Horizontal, Steel, 20 ft. long or Over on Flatcars or Bulkhead Flatcars – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to this figure, received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of Figures 14-B – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13612 July 16, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments to Edit the Figures 29-B, 29-C, 29-I, and 29-K: Coils of Flat Steel – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requests comments from the industry to edit the Figures 29-B, 29-C, 29-I, and 29-K: Coils of Flat Steel – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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</p>

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<p>C-13617 July 22, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments – Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-951, Portable Bridge Plates for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.</p> <p>Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed revisions to Specification M-951, Section 3.7 and Figure 3.2 and an Appendix B addition for Specifications on an Offset from Center Portable Bridge Plate. The addition to Section 3.7 and Figure 3.2 is to give an overhead view of nominal dimensions for standard bridge plates, and Appendix B is to provide requirements for an offset from center bridge plate.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The complete specification is attached for review. All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the SEFCC prior to final action on the proposed revisions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Auto Rack</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Comments from interested parties are herewith solicited under the provisions of AAR Standard S-050.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-13614 July 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revised Schedule for 2020 AAR M-1003 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training Classes – July Update 2020.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has cancelled all remaining 2020 face to face AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Training classes. The QAC has rescheduled the Basic Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training classes in a Webinar-based training format. The M-1003 Advanced Auditor Training classes will be offered in 2021.</p> <p>Implementation Date: For current registrants in classes that have been cancelled, registration fees will be refunded. You are responsible to cancel your own hotel registration as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Nothing additional to add.</p>