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Subject: November 2021 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2021 summary includes the (42) 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-13880 Nov. 3, 2021	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M, Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Standard S-5513 – Locomotive Alerter Requirements.</p> <p>Summary: Refer to this circular for the editorial comments were received and incorporated into the revised standard.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised S-5513 standard will be reflected in the next issue of Section M. If Section M is a required publication for your facility, insert the revised S-5513 into your copy of MSRP Section M.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The revised AAR standard S-5513 is appended to this circular.</p>

C-13889 Nov. 8, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 1.5.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 1.5.a, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13890 Nov. 8, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13891 Nov. 8, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.E</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36.E.13, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13892 Nov. 8, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.E.13</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41.E.13, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>

C-13894 Nov. 9, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 18 Figure 18.15.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 18 Figure 18.15 to provide clarification, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13895 Nov. 9, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 47.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13896 Nov. 9, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 75, Job Codes 4456 and 4457.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 75 to align with Rule 91, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13897 Nov. 9, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Rule 91.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field and Office Manuals Rule 91, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>

C-13898 Nov. 10, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 88.B</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee (BSC) to revise Field Manual Rule 88 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2022 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13899 Nov. 10, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 88.B.1, Marking.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 88.B.1 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2022 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13900 Nov. 10, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16 and 18.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 16 and 18, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2022 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13901 Nov. 11, 2021	<p>Subject: 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: This revision will be included in the January 2022 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>

C-13902 Nov. 11, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 13.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee, with guidance from the GHBMEC, to revise Field Manual Rule 13 to clarify incorrect repair to hand brake chains was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2022 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Repair shops should review these revisions.</p>
C-13903 Nov. 11, 2021	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal, as advanced by the Car Repair Billing (CRB) Committee, to revise Office Manual Rule 112 to clarify the intent of changes to CRB invoicing time limits, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These Rule revisions will be included in the January 2022 release of the Office Manual and updated edits will become effective following the January 2022 CRB Data Exchange run.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: 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 CRB Data Exchange.</p>
C-13904 Nov. 12, 2021	<p>Subject: New CRB Data Exchange Error Codes P3 and P4.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Billing (CRB) Committee, a proposal to add new error codes P3 and P4 to the CRB Data Exchange was reviewed and approved. Full details of the new error codes are shown within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The error codes will be implemented as informational following the January 2022 run of the CRB Data Exchange.</p>	<p>Car Type: freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</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 CRB Data Exchange.</p>

<p>C-13906 Nov. 17, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Notice of Implementation to archive Figures 1-C, 23, 35, 36, 37, 37-A, 37-B, 38, 40, 40-A, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 47-A, 48, 49, 49-A, 49-B, 50, 51, 51-A, 52, 77, 240, and 241 – Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: These changes to Sections 3 and 4 OTLR are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes to Sections 3 and 4 OTLR are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</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>CPC-1379 May. 4, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Editorial Correction to CPC-1376 (Docket T88.1-93).</p> <p>Summary: A single editorial correction to CPC-1376, specifically Appendix T Table T.2 for NDT method Infrared and Thermal Testing (IR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: CPC-1376 remains in effect as published with this implemented version of Appendix T.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Questions shall be directed to Matt Forister, Director Tank Car Safety.</p>
<p>C-13908 Nov. 29, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Editorial Revisions to Field Manual, Various Rules, Component Tracking.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee reviewed and approved a request to editorially revise the Rules in the Field Manual with Component Tracking requirements. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the January 2022 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Proposed Rules – Component Tracking Requirements: See attached “Circular Attachment Component Tracking in the Field Manual.pdf”</p>

<p>C-13909 Nov. 29, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Preface, Appendix B, and Appendix F, Units Definition, Climate Controlled Unit Cages Correct Repair Procedures, and Why Made Code Update.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Preface, Appendix B, and Appendix F. The Preface was updated to clarify the equipment included in the term “units”. Appendix B was updated to add the correct repair procedures for cages that protect climate control units. Appendix F Why Made Codes was updated to include the correct repairs for climate control unit cages and all Why Made Codes have been updated to two digits.</p> <p>Implementation Date: AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Preface, Appendix B, and Appendix F are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Intermodal</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If this is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment and update your copy.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-13869 Nov. 1, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 3. The text of the revisions is contained 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13871 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 37, and Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 37 and Appendix A, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>

<p>C-13872 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 48.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 48, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13873 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 103.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 103, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13874 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 108.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced to revise Field Manual Rule 108, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>

<p>C-13875 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107 and Field Manual, Rule 108.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Damaged and Defective Car Tracking TAG to revise Office Manual Rule 107 and Field Manual Rule 108 to incorporate compensation for racks when car is damaged, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13876 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 75 and 108, Office Manual Rule 107, and Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 75 and 108, Office Manual Rule 107 and Appendix A, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13877 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 63.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 63, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>

<p>C-13878 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 43</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to rewrite Field Manual Rule 43, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13879 Nov. 2, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 44</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to rewrite Field Manual Rule 44, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13881 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Draft S-9353 Appendix A V1.1 - Data Element Specifications is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-IV, Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging.</p> <p>Summary: This document is external content to the requirements in AAR Standard S-9353 V1.0 - Railroad Electronics Standards Committee (RESC) Data Dictionary. It contains the actual data atomic and compound data element definitions in the data dictionary. The update frequency of the AAR document and the content of the appendix is not the same; therefore, the information in the appendix is stored separately from the document.</p> <p>Implementation Date: In order to provide time for review and comment, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin with the date of this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: SharePoint access can be found at www.railinc.com. Individuals and organization who have a company ID may access the SharePoint site directly.</p>

<p>C-13882 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, New Rule 15, Revisions to Rules 18-22.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to add new Field Manual Rule 15 – Rotary Coupler Systems and revise Rules 18-22, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13883 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 83, and Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 83.20 and the Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual to add a new Facility Type for yard repairs effective July 1, 2022. 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 July 1, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: 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-13884 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field and Office Manuals Appendix A, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>

<p>C-13885 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13886 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rules 103 and 112.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced to revise Office Manual Rules 103 and 112, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>
<p>C-13887 Nov. 3, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 1.5, Automated Single Car Air Brake Test Device.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 1.5.a(1) to add Automated Single Car Air Brake Test Device, 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, 2022.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments as the reader sees fit.</p>

<p>C-13893 Nov. 8, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments to Edit the Figures 154-A and 154-B: Steel Tubing on 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 edit the Figures 154-A and 154-B: Steel Tubing on Bulkhead Flatcars – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR) detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to these figures, 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 154-A and 154-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-13888 Nov. 9, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-970, Condition-Based Certification of Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.</p> <p>Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed a revision to Specification M-970, Section 2.2.6. This revision will require all autoracks at certification to be equipped with low-profile securement systems that have been approved since January 1, 2010. A summary of the current specification as well as the proposed revisions is noted within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: 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: Autoracks</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. The complete specification is attached for review.</p>
<p>C-13905 Nov. 12, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Changes to CRB Data Exchange Type 6 Records and FindUs.Rail.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Billing (CRB) Committee has approved a proposal to allow Railinc to update missing contact information in FindUs.Rail (FUR) with contact information from CRB inbound Record Type 6. Following the April 2021 run of the CRB Data Exchange (CRBDX), Railinc began using inbound CRB Type 6 Records to populate FindUs.Rail contact information that was completely missing.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Submit comments to the undersigned at mlucero@aar.org within 30 days of this date for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</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 CRB Data Exchange.</p>

<p>C-13907 Nov. 18, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C Part II, M-1001 Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Office Manual Rule 88, and Section C Standard S-286. Revisions to car and draft pocket design requirements.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to the following publications:</p> <p>Section C Part II - Specification M-1001 Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars: Chapter 3 – Material, Body Structure Chapter 4 – Design Chapter 6 – General Design and Test Requirements – Tank Cars Section C - Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-286 Free/Unrestricted Interchange For 286,000 Lb. Gross Rail Load Cars. Office Manual Rule 88</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 EEC prior to acting.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: EEC’s intent with the changes described within this circular is to standardize the draft design requirements for freight cars and to consolidate the requirements into M-1001. Changes required (by car builders and car owners) to comply with the revisions are expected to require slight modifications to existing processes and materials, are not considered significant, and a cost analysis was not considered necessary.</p>
<p>General Information for the Industry</p>		
<p>C-13870 Nov. 1, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Order information for the 2022 Field and Office Manuals.</p> <p>Summary: The 2022 editions of the Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules are scheduled to be available January 3, 2022. Manuals may now be preordered online at https://aarpublications.com/field-and-office-manuals.html. Orders will require a credit card for payment. The manuals will be delivered via ground transportation (paper) or by electronic means starting January 3.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The Field Manual is available in loose-leaf or bound versions (paper), or in electronic format. The Office Manual is available in a loose-leaf version (paper), or in electronic format.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See this circular for ordering information.</p>