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Subject: June 2021 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2021 summary includes the (13) 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-13822 June 2, 2021	<p>Subject: MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-6101, Detector Calibration & Validation Requirements: Wheel Impact Load Detector (WILD) Validation Plan.</p> <p>Summary: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC), jointly with the Wheels, Axles, Bearings & Lubrication (WABL) Committee is releasing this implementation circular to notify the industry of an addition to the subject section within AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F – Sensors.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The addition to S-6101 is appended to this circular. Specific details of the additions are shown with change bars in the margin of the attached file.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight/Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Note: Comment circular C-13716, dated December 3, 2020, referencing additional proposed additions to S-6101 (Acoustic Bearing Detector validation requirements) remains unimplemented and is not part of this implementation.</p>

<p>C-13823 June 4, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Editorial Updates to MSRP, Section F, S-920, Component Identification Bar Code Standard.</p> <p>Summary: This implementation circular letter is to notify the industry of a series of editorial revisions to S-920, within AAR's Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F, Sensors.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section F will be incorporated into the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices. Insert this circular in your copy of MSRP Section F and be governed accordingly.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes (C4a, C4m, and C5 activity code holders)</p> <p>Comments: The changes are editorial enhancements intended to reduce the administrative burden on stakeholders relative to barcode label sizes, font details and other miscellaneous items, and to modernize the Bar Code Approval Process (Section 3.0). The changes are noted with change bars in the margins of the attached standard. They were approved by the Component Tracking Taskforce (CTTF).</p>
<p>C-13824 June 8, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Additional/Corrected Editorial Updates to MSRP, Section F, S-920, Component Identification Bar Code Standard.</p> <p>Summary: this implementation circular letter is to notify the industry of a series of additional editorial revisions to S-920, within AAR's Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F, Sensors.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Note: This implementation does not include proposed changes to Section 12 & 13 (Bearing & Axle Labels), currently being reviewed by the Wheels, Axles, Bearing & Lubrication Committee. The revised MSRP Section F will be incorporated into the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices. If Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your manual with the updated S-920 attached to this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: These changes clarify, or in some cases, further modify some editorial changes announced via circular C-13823. In all cases, the copy of the standard attached to this circular will supersede the version released as implemented on June 4, 2021 via C-13823.</p>

<p>C-13825 June 17, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2021 is \$130.83. This represents an increase of 19 cents (\$0.19) from the calculation for April 1, 2021.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July 1, 2021 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: US Railroad Labor Rate</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The changes to the rate were due to a general wage increase for one participant, and updated surveys received for employer contributions to health & welfare, payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, and other direct labor expenses.</p>
<p>CPC-1382 June 22, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Supplemental Notification to AAR Component ID (CID).</p> <p>Summary: In addition to the AAR component tracking circulars (CPC-1375 and CPC-1378), this CPC clarifies the registration and permanent marking requirements for tank car pressure relief valves.</p> <p>Implementation Date: <u>For PRV's manufactured prior to December 31, 2003</u>, if the month and year of manufacture is no longer identifiable on the PRV, the PRV must be scrapped, unless the equipment owner can provide traceability of all other permanent markings through mechanical records (e.g., required retention document(s) [see Chapter 1 paragraph 1.6] and photos). The same criteria apply to the other permanent markings on the PRV which are required for AAR Component Registration. The equipment owner can permit the C5 facility to regenerate the permanent markings and apply to the PRV in accordance with AAR MSRP Section C-III (M-1002) Appendix A at time of PRV manufacture. With respect to AAR CID registration, the C5 facility can enter "00" into field D108 (PRV Built Month) and "0000" into D109 (PRV Built Year).</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: <u>For PRV's manufactured after December 31, 2003</u>, if the serial number are no longer identifiable on the PRV, the PRV must be scrapped, unless the equipment owner can provide traceability to the serial number through mechanical records (e.g., required retention document(s) [see Chapter 1 paragraph 1.6] and photos). The same criteria apply to the other permanent markings on the PRV which are required for AAR Component Registration. The equipment owner can permit the C5 facility to regenerate the permanent markings and apply to the PRV in accordance with AAR MSRP Section C-III (M-1002) Appendix A at time of PRV manufacture.</p>

<p>C-13826 June 22, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP Section S-III, Coupler and Yoke Details, Standard S-105, Coupler E Type Detail Parts, regarding making reduced slack components standard.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S-III, Coupler and Yoke Details, Standard S-105, Coupler E Type Detail Parts.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-105 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 S is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the attached revised copy of S-105 and update your manual.</p>
<p>C-13828 June 23, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2021.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2021 is \$204.34 CAD. This represents a decrease of \$1.40 CAD from the calculation for April 1, 2021.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July 1, 2021 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Canadian Labor Rate</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The currency conversion factor used to calculate the health & welfare portions of the July 1 Canadian Labor Rate was 1.2105. This caused the decrease in the Canadian Labor Rate.</p>
<p>C-13830 June 23, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: July 2021 Field and Office Manuals, Summary of Comments, and Implementation Details.</p> <p>Summary: In May 2021, 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, 2021. Shown within this circular is a recap of those letters seeking industry comment or receiving comment, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Unless otherwise noted, the rule changes are for the Field Manual and will be implemented effective July 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Update</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The various proposals as issued in the noted circular letters, with the changes noted, stand approved and have been included in the July 2021 AAR Interchange Rule revisions.</p>

<p>C-13831 June 23, 2021 <u>Mandatory Circular</u></p>	<p>Subject: Rewrite of Field and Office Manuals Rule 125.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular is to notify the industry of the implementation of Field and Office Manuals Rule 125 effective June 28, 2021.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The attachments to this circular for the revised Field and Office Manuals Rule 125 must be printed and maintained until the July 2021 revisions are received.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner:</p> <p>Repair Shop:</p> <p>Comments: 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 July 2021 Field Manual.</p>
<p>C-13832 June 24, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Changes to CRB Data Exchange Error Code in Conjunction with Rule 112 Revisions.</p> <p>Summary: It was pointed out that one of the proposed error codes, 6T, already exists, and as such will be replaced with error code 8T. No other changes will occur except for the error code name. Error Code 8T will be implemented following the July CRB Data Exchange run as stated within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 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 CRB Data Exchange.</p>
<p>CPC-1383 June 28, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C-III, Specification for Tank Cars (M-1002), Appendix B (Docket T91.2.6).</p> <p>Summary: Appendix B - Specifies certification conditions for facilities that remove and replace fasteners for service equipment. Specifies under exceptions where replacement of fasteners for service equipment do not require facility certification</p> <p>Implementation Date: This is simply a clarification of the requirements.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Questions should be directed to Matt Forister, Director Tank Car Safety via email mforister@aar.org</p>

Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-13827 June 22, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-202, M-203, and M-210; regarding reporting to AAR, adding saw cuts, and removing radiography requirements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specifications M-202, M-203, and M-210, regarding removing service distribution reporting requirements, adding saw cuts, and removing radiography requirements.</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 CSTCC prior to acting.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: No costs to the industry are expected for the proposed changes. Changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached files which will replace the subject specifications in their entirety.</p>
<p>C-13829 June 23, 2021</p>	<p>Subject: Draft S-9152.V2.3 - End-Of-train Communications is available for review and comment. In support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-II, Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System Architecture.</p> <p>Summary: The Wireless Communication Committee (WCC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT Standard S-9152.V2.3 - End-Of-Train Communications for review and comment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This document will have a 30-day comment period. The time will begin beginning June 23, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Review the attached email from Railinc which you should have received regarding migration of the RESC SharePoint site (all Railinc hosted sites were migrated).</p>