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Subject: November, 2023 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2023 summary includes the (39) 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-14254 Nov. 3, 2023	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 41, Wheel Impact Load Detector Records.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 41 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight/RR’s</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>

<p>C-14255 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rules 103 and 107, Rack Only Incidents.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rules 103 and 107 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight/RR's</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14256 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.H.3, Invoice Processing</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112.H.3 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight/RR's</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14257 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 114, Contact Information.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 114 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight/RR's</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14262 Nov. 8, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 11, 12, and 21 – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 11, 12, and 21.</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 General Rules 11, 12, and 21 in your Section 1 copy if this is a required publication for your location.</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-14263 Nov. 8, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 14, 14-A, and 43-S – 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 noted revisions to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figures 14, 14-A, and 43-S.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 14, 14-A, and 43-S in your copy of Section 2 if this is a required publication for your location.</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-14264 Nov. 8, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revision to Figure 74 – Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revision to Section 5 OTLR manual for Figure 74.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual. I insert the circular attachment for Figure 74 in your copy of Section 5 if this is a required publication for your location.</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-14265 Nov. 14, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Notification to Private Car Owners Regarding Generation 1 AEI Tags.</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Automatic Equipment Identification Committee (AEIC) would like to raise awareness of a potential functionality issue related to older series AEI tags. Specifically, tags produced from approximately 1990 through 2006 and show either no model number or are engraved with the model number AT-5110.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The industry is taking a closer look and undertaking efforts in a variety of ways to make sure AEI data is high quality and consistent. This outreach to encourage attention is one preliminary step being taken in advance of possible changes to Field Manual Rule 63 or tag performance indicators in the Equipment Health Management System (EHMS).</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: As time has passed, the effectiveness of the seal on this configuration has been shown to degrade on a subset of the population of these tags, allowing for the possibility of water incursion, which could interfere with the consistent performance of the tag during, or following heavy rainfall.</p>

<p>C-14261 Nov. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: REVISED: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.H.4, Billing Exceptions</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112 to include a preferred billing exceptions format was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed 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, 2024.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</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>C-14266 Nov. 15, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revised MSRP Section C-II, Specification M-1001, Design, Fabrication and Construction of Freight Cars.</p> <p>Summary: The Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) is announcing a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C-II, Specification M-1001 Design, Fabrication and Construction of Freight Cars.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section C-II is now available in both printed and electronic versions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section C-II is a required publication for your location, be sure to obtain a copy to replace your older edition along with updating your master document list.</p>
<p>C-14269 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 88.C.3.c(14).</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 88.C.3.c(14) was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14270 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16 Figure 16.2, and Rule 18 Figure 18.1.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16 Figure 16.2 and Rule 18 Figure 18.1 to provide clarification on the (AA) region, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>

<p>C-14271 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 4, Empty Load Device.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 4 for Group 3 Empty Load Device Repair Instructions, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14272 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Rule A.2.</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 A.2 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field and Office Manuals.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14273 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 120.A</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal was advanced to revise Office Manual Rule 120.A was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14274 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 41 and 43, MD Report Responsibility.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Wheels, Axles, Bearings and Lubrication Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 41 and 43 regarding responsibility to submit MD reports following a derailment, was reviewed, and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>

<p>C-14275 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17, 18, 47 and 48, MD Report Responsibility.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 16, 17, 18, 47 and 48 regarding responsibility to submit MD reports following a derailment, was reviewed, and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14276 Nov. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 18.B, Coupler Body Obsolete or No Longer in Production.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupler System and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC) to revise Rule 18.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>
<p>C-14277 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6030 Wheel Performance - Dynamic Impact and Rim Thickness.</p> <p>Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F - Sensors / Standard S-6030 / Wheel Performance - Dynamic Impact and Rim Thickness.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The revised S-6030 is attached to this circular if Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to download it and update your copy.</p>

<p>C-14278 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101 - Detector Calibration and Validation Requirements - Acoustic Bearing Detector (ABD) Fault Descriptor Validation.</p> <p>Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F - Sensors / Standard S-6101 / Detector Calibration and Validation Requirements Acoustic Bearing Detector (ABD) Fault Descriptor Validation.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The revised S-6101 is attached to this circular if Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to download it and update your copy.</p>
<p>C-14280 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section E, MSRP E Brakes and Brake Equipment, Specification M-602, Gaskets, Air Hose, updates, and additions.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section E, M-602 Gaskets, Air Hose.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Revised specification M-602, attached, has now been implemented and is effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section E.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section E is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised M-602 attached to this circular and update your copy.</p>
<p>C-14281 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 5.B.7.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 5.B.7 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2024 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>

<p>C-14282 Nov. 29, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6001 – Bearing Temperature Performance.</p> <p>Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F - Sensors / Standard S-6001 / Bearing Temperature Performance</p> <p>Implementation Date: AAR's Equipment Health Monitoring Committee voted to progress the standard to implementation. The standard, S-6001 is attached to this circular as reference.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The addition to this standard is a new industry trending rule for hot bearing detectors (HBD), placed as section 4.1.3. The combination of the rule's components will meet A1 requirements of the AAR Field Manual Rule 36. Repairs will use Why Made Code 51 (WM 51) when billing.</p>
<p>CPC-1418 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Midland Manufacturing 720 Series Valve Modification and Replacement Extension Criteria (CPC-1335).</p> <p>Summary: The Tank Car Committee (TCC) has extended the compliance date of CPC- 1335 to the end of 2028. Valves must be replaced or updated to a new design by the next qualification or next full-service shopping event where cleaning can be performed not to exceed 10 years from the date of the original CPC (July 11, 2018).</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions related to the CPC shall be directed to Kenneth Dorsey, Executive Director of Tank Car Safety via email kdorsey@aar.org.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes (if applicable)</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This extension does not apply to PIH, IH, VCM and Butadiene cars.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-14247 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 41 and 44, Wheel Set Handling.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Wheels, Axles, Bearings and Lubrication Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 41 and 44, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>

<p>C-14248 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 62 and 75.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 62 and 75 to identify Job Codes for Constant Contact Side Bearings, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14249 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 21, and Various Related Rules.</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 21 and various related rules to standardize references to follower blocks, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14250 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 46, Truck System Performance.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to rewrite Field Manual Rule 46, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>

<p>C-14251 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59, Cushioned Underframe Devices.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14252 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Rewrite of Field Manual, Rule 53, Running Boards, End Platforms, Brake Steps, and Supports</p> <p>Summary: Comment circular C-14052, issued 11/7/22, was withdrawn on 12/20/22 via circular C-14093, based on comments from the industry regarding cracks as Cause for Attention. The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise the proposed rewrite of Field Manual Rule 53 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14253 Nov. 2, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 17.</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 17, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>

<p>C-14258 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 7, 8, and 13, Low Usage Job Codes.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee Low Usage Job Codes TAG to revise Field Manual Rules 7, 8, & 13 Job Codes was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14259 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 114.3, FindUs.Rail Primary and Secondary Contacts</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 114.3 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>
<p>C-14260 Nov. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, New Rule 107 Cost Factor Calculation Method.</p> <p>Summary: The new index calculation for 2023 will be reviewed by the Car Repair Billing Committee in December 2023 and will become effective January 2024 if approved. For the calculation of the 2023 index, an Umler snapshot will be taken on December 1, 2023, allowing car owners time to update their Umler data.</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, 2024.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Future calculations, the AAR will notify the car owners annually via Circular Letters that Umler Original Cost field will be used for annual Rule 107 Freight Car Cost Factor calculation. Car owners will have until the last business day of October to update their Umler Original Cost data. The Umler snapshot from November 1st each year will be used for cost factor calculations.</p>

<p>C-14261 Nov. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.H.4, Billing Exceptions.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112 to include a preferred billing exceptions format was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed in this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned at billp@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</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>C-14268 Nov. 20, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-213, Side Door and Door Frames, Boxcar - Plug Type, Revision to the water test fixture requirements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for a revision to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-213, Side Door and Door Frames, Boxcar - Plug Type. A revision is proposed to Paragraph 6.2.1 Water Test Fixture, to require maintaining a minimum water pressure throughout the duration of the water spray test. The draft is attached to this circular.</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 AAR Equipment Engineering Committee.</p>	<p>Car Type: Box</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possibly</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should download this revised standard and review it. Provide any comments prior to the 30 day expiration window.</p>
<p>General Information for the Industry</p>		
<p>C-14246 Nov. 1, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Schedule Effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: This circular lists a copy of the Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Schedule effective January 1, 2024, approved by the AAR Car Repair Billing Committee.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The data serves as detail support for paper billing documents. Selected elements of the exchanged data are retained for use in equipment failure trend analysis.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: This schedule is also shared on the Railinc Car Repair Billing website: https://public.railinc.com/products-services/car-repair-billing.</p>

<p>C-14267 Nov. 16, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: 2024 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Auditor Training Class Schedule and Registrations.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has announced the schedule for 2024 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance 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: Railroad Industry</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should refer to this circular for course location, dates, and cost.</p>
<p>C-14279 Nov. 28, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: 2024 Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules – Preorder Available Now.</p> <p>Summary: The 2024 editions of the Field and Office Manuals of the AAR Interchange Rules are scheduled to be available the week of January 2, 2024. Manuals may now be preordered online at https://aarpublications.com/field-and-office-manuals.html. Orders will require a credit card for payment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The 2024 Field and Office Manuals include all revisions and/or changes issued during the year 2023. Changes made in 2024 will be forwarded to all purchasers for insertion in the Manuals without the necessity of reordering. Field Manual updates will be issued for the July 1, 2024 release, and Office Manual updates will be issued quarterly (April 1, July 1, and October 1, 2024).</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review and order the 2024 editions as required for your location.</p>

