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Subject: June 2023 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2023 summary includes the (9) 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-14166 June 2, 2023	<p>Subject: Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2023.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2023 is \$194.23, an increase of \$6.67 (or 3.6%) from the labor rate estimated on April 1, 2023.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the July 1, 2023 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The increase is from general wage increases for most railroads.</p>
C-14167 June 2, 2023	<p>Subject: Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2023.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for July 1, 2023 is \$242.22 CAD, a decrease of seventy-two cents CAD from the calculation for April 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July 1, 2023 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: This is a decrease of seventy-two cents CAD from the calculation for April 1.</p>

Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
<p>C-14173 June 9, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3 and EI-0001, Cars Overdue for 5-and 8-Year Single Car Air Brake Test.</p> <p>Summary: At the April 2023 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to editorially revise Field Manual Rule 3 and to split EI-0001 into EI-0001, EI-0002 and EI-0003, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The date of this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: See the circular for the specific revisions noted.</p>
<p>C-14174 June 20, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Notice of Implementation: Release of 2023 edition of the Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has announced the release of 2023 edition of the Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual. This manual cover North American rail industry requirements for securing commodities that are loaded on open top rail cars, trailers, and containers for safe and reliable rail transport. These are maintained and published by AAR on behalf of the AAR's OTLR committee. Also, AAR maintains an online OTLR library of OTLR's rules and figures and can be accessed at https://my.aar.org/otlr.</p> <p>Implementation Date: If this is a required publication for your location, be sure to replace your existing copy with the new edition.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Tops</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-14175 June 20, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 48.</p> <p>Summary: At the April 2023 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a request to revise Rule 48 to eliminate manufacturer specific language for swing motion style truck pedestal rockers, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 1, 2023 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p>

<p>C-14176 June 20, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: July 2023 Field and Office Manuals, Summary of Comments, and Implementation Details.</p> <p>Summary: In April and May 2023, several Circular Letters soliciting comments on the proposed rule changes were issued. In addition, several letters were issued that advised of approved changes that would become effective on July 1, 2023. Unless otherwise noted, the rule changes are for the Field Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The various proposals as issued in the above listed letters, with the changes noted, stand approved and will be included in the July 2023 AAR Interchange Rule revisions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Useful Information</p> <p>Repair Shop: Useful Information</p> <p>Comments: Shown within this circular is a recap of those letters seeking industry comment, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details.</p>
<p>C-14177 June 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Notice of implementation to edit Item A description, to include minimum end of car clearance requirements, to Figure 15 – Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requested comments from the industry via circular C-14153 on 5/19/23, to edit Item A description, to include minimum end of car clearance requirements, to figure 15, Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for figure 15 from Section 5</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Tops</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The comments from the industry have been considered and the committee has approved to implement this figure with the edits noted within this circular.</p>
<p>General Information for the Industry</p>		
<p>C-14165 June 1, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Soliciting Participants for Inclusion in the 2024 CRB Survey Process.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit Non-Class I Railroad and Running Repair Agent participants for inclusion in the 2024 Car Repair Billing (CRB) survey process. As detailed in C-13558, issued on April 30, 2020, the CRB survey process and calculation methodology now includes these parties in addition to Class I Railroads. For new participants' data to be included in the CRB labor and material calculations for 2024, each of the three individual surveys must be completed and submitted to the AAR by the deadlines identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The deadline for notifying the AAR of your company's intention to participate is June 15, 2023.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: If your company is interested in participating in the survey process, AAR is requesting that you complete the attached contact form to this circular and submit to billp@aar.org. The AAR will then reach out to the specified contacts to begin the data collection process.</p>

<p>C-14172 June 5, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Safety Alert Regarding Unsecured Angle Iron on Top Cord of High Side Gondolas Resulting in an Employee Fatality.</p> <p>Summary: A student conductor was fatally injured, and a conductor was seriously injured, in December of 2022 when a freight train operating at speed on a main track encountered a section of angle iron that was protruding from the top cord of a high-side gondola in a standing train on an adjacent track. The angle iron was protruding into the foul of the main track and pierced a locomotive cab door window causing the fatality and other injury.</p> <p>This safety alert is being issued to increase awareness of an unsafe condition involving maintenance to the top cord of high-side gondolas typically used in scrap service.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This safety Alert is intended to provide awareness and guidance to rail employees, including switching crews and carmen, to be on the lookout for high-side gondolas used in scrap recycling services that may have unsecured material extending from the top cord as explained above.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Information</p> <p>Comments: Employees should be alert to the possibility of this condition and take action to safeguard all employees until the condition can be corrected.</p>
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