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Subject: April 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The April 2024 summary includes the (11) 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, specifications, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR’s MxV Rail, formally known as the 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, go to this link: <https://www.aar.com/standards/circular.php>.

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/or railroad operations.

The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, specification, 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		
CPC-1423 Apr. 5, 2024	<p>Subject: Guidance for the Implementation of M-1002 Appendix W (CPC-1420).</p> <p>Summary: The implementation of M-1002, Appendix W published in CPC-1420 will be enforced. Any audit performed will note any deviations from the published standard. Consideration will be given if the previous version of Appendix W is being referenced for up to 4 months after publication of this CPC.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Response to findings determined to have resulted because the facilities program is transitioning to the revised Appendix W, should include a plan to complete of the transition to achieve full compliance.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Questions should be directed to Kenneth Dorsey, Executive Director of Tank Car Safety via email kdorsey@aar.org.</p>

<p>C-14333 Apr. 5, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concepts of Operations, Standard S-9008.V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: Standard S-9008.V.1.0 was Adopted in 2024 and is attached to this circular in PDF format.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-9008.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concepts of Operations.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-I is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular and update your manual.</p>
<p>CPC-1422 Apr. 8, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of M-1002 Appendix B</p> <p>Summary: The Tank Car Committee (TCC) is implementing the change to Appendix B of AAR MSRP C-III, Specifications for Tank Cars (M-1002). This CPC implements the proposed changes to facility certification requirements for activity codes A19, B78, C4A or C4M.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Immediate. If M-1003 is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised Appendix B and update your copy.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular to not the revisions contained within this revision.</p>
<p>C-14334 Apr. 9, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular and Modification to Circular C-14331: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101 Detector Calibration & Validation Requirements / ABD Site Current Validations.</p> <p>Summary: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) is issuing this circular to notify the industry of a modification to circular C-14331, sent on April 1, 2024 that are detailed within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revisions to S-6101 are now approved and should be incorporated into MSRP, Section F.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revised version and update your manual.</p>
<p>C-14335 Apr. 12, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management, Standard S-9415.V1.0</p> <p>Summary: S-9415.V1.0 describes the messages and requirements for updating certificates before they expire for interoperable services which require and an explicit trust model between partner railroads (E.g., where the root of trust is constrained between the end entities).</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9415.V1.0 was Adopted in 2024 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9415.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-V is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular and update your manual.</p>

<p>C-14336 Apr.12 , 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2043, Performance Specification for Trains Used to Carry High Level Radioactive Material. Assorted edits to requirements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2043, Performance Specification for Trains Used to Carry High Level Radioactive Material.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-2043 is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section C is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular and update your copy with the revised S-2043 Standard.</p>
<p>C-14338 Apr. 25, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2056, Clearance Plate Diagrams for Interchange Service: Plates H, K, and P.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2056, Clearance Plate Diagrams for Interchange Service.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Revised Standard S-2056, attached, to this circular and becomes effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section C is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular and update your copy.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-14331 Apr. 1, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101, Detector Calibration and Validation Requirements Acoustic Bearing Detector (ABD) Site Current Validations.</p> <p>Summary: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) jointly with the Wheels, Axles, Bearings & Lubrication (WABL) Committee is releasing this circular to solicit comments on the proposed modifications to the subject section within AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F – Sensors.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The comment period will remain open for thirty (30) days from the date of the issuance of this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: All written comments received will be considered by EHMC and WABL prior to final action on the proposed additions.</p>

<p>C-14339 Apr. 26, 2024</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, Appendix B, Offset from Center Portable Bridge Plates - Requirements. The Committee has changed the language in Section 3.1 to include both a 2" and 4" offset from center bridge plate.</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: Auto Rack</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should refer to this circular for the existing and proposed revisions.</p>
<p>General Information for the Industry</p>		
<p>C-14332 Apr. 4, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: 2024 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Auditor Training Class Schedule and Registrations.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce an updated 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: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should download a copy of this circular and review possible attendance dates.</p>
<p>C-14337 Apr. 22, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, AAR Field Manual Appendix D, Information Request.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular is to seek comments and suggestions on Appendix D. Appendix D provides an expanded list of job codes and data used in the repairing and reporting of railcars that are not included in standard AAR Job Codes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent within 60 days of the issuance of this circular for consideration in the next update.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: The current version of Appendix D may be found at AAR Field Manual Appendix D, Railinc.</p>

<p>C-14324 Mar. 11, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective April 1, 2024 is \$161.67, unchanged from the calculation for January 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the April 1, 2024 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The only change this quarter was an update to health and welfare employee cost sharing for one railroad, but it was not material enough to create a variance.</p>
<p>C-14325 Mar. 11, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for April 1, 2024 is \$242.09 CAD, a decrease of seven cents from the calculation for January 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the April 1, 2024 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health & Welfare portions of the April 1 Canadian Labor Rate is 1.3478. This caused the decrease in the Canadian Labor Rate.</p>