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Circular Letter

Subject:IMPLEMENTATION OF Additions of New Rules to SECTION 1 - RULE 14 Attachment of Securement - AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 1.GEN.75**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has accepted changes to Section 1, Rule 14 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

Existing Rule:

14.9 Making holes or slots in heavy duty flatcars, such as well-hole, depressed-floor, or specially designed cars, may be done only with explicit permission from the car owner. For other cars, every effort must be made to avoid cutting unnecessary holes or slots and to confine them to the minimum number and dimensions required to secure the load.

Changes:
14.9 Making holes or slots in heavy duty flatcars, such as well-hole, depressed-floor, transition areas, or specially designed cars, or in transition areas of such cars, may be done only with explicit permission from the car owner. For other cars, every effort must be made to avoid cutting unnecessary holes or slots and to confine them to the minimum number and dimensions required to secure the load.

New Rule:
14.13.8 Welding in transition areas on depressed-center flatcars is prohibited unless otherwise specified on car (see Fig. 14.1).

The changes to this rule are intended to maintain proper vertical and longitudinal load clearances during buff and draft movements that may occur during transit.

The implementation of this revision to Section 1 Rule 14 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert this circular into your copy of Section 1, replace Section 1, Part 2 in its entirety with the attached document and be governed accordingly. 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.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Travis Wolgram, Manager-AAR Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001. Or email to travis_wolgram@aar.com.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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