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Circular Letter

Subject:IMPLEMENTATION OF EDITORIAL CHANGES TO SECTION 1 - RULE 28.2 LOAD CLEARENCES (RULE 28.2.1)- AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 1.GEN.82**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has accepted changes to Section 1, Rule 28.2.1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

Existing Rule

28.2 Load Clearance

28.2.1 Sufficient clearance must be provided when loading to maintain a 4-in. clearance between the overhanging portion of a load and any part of the idler car or dunnage that may come into contact except as noted in Rule 28.2.2.

Changes

28.2 Load Clearance

28.2.1 Sufficient clearance must be provided when loading to maintain a 4-in. **vertical** clearance between the overhanging portion of a load and any part of the idler car or dunnage that it may come into contact **with throughout full travel of the cars draft systems (2 FT. when equipped with standard draft gears, & 6 FT. when either car equipped with cushion device) --Longitudinal clearances to be measured when cars are stretched and on straight track** except as noted in Rule 28.2.2.

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 28.2.1 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert the circular into your copy of Section 1 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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