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Circular Letter

Subject:IMPLEMENTATION OF EDITORIAL CHANGES TO SECTION 1 - RULE 5.2 LOAD RESTRAINT APPLICATIONS (NEW RULE 5.2.1.4)- AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 1.GEN.83**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has accepted the addition of a new rule to Section 1 Rule 5.2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

New Rule:

5.2.1.4

On General Rules loads, Type 1A nonmetallic strapping, Grades 6, 7, and 8 may not be used to provide the required longitudinal or lateral restraint. Approved Type 1A nonmetallic strapping, Grades 6, 7, and 8 may be used to provide only the vertical load restraint. Note: An object must be secured with a minimum of two tie-downs.

The implementation of this revision to Section 1 Rule 5.2.1.4 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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