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Circular Letter

Subject:IMPLEMENTATION OF Additions of New Rules to SECTION 1 - RULE 6.5 Machines—Equipped with Pneumatic Tires AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 1.GEN.85**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has accepted changes to Section 1, Rule 6.5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

Title Change

Existing Title: Machines—Equipped with Pneumatic Tires

New Title: Machines—Equipped with Pneumatic Tires and/or Suspensions

New Rules

6.5.4 Machines/Vehicles equipped with air suspensions shall have the suspensions bled prior to application of chains to restrain it properly for transport. This is done to prevent air suspensions from leaking and losing pressure causing the vehicle to lower significantly in transit and introduce an unsafe amount of chain slack.

6.5.5 Machines/Vehicles that have a mix of spring suspensions and air suspensions can leave the air suspension intact as long as there is at least one axle with a spring suspension on the front and back of the vehicle.

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 6.5 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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