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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation Editorial Changes to Figures 147-A, 147-C and 147-D – Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number: LR 1.11.18**

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The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the editorial revisions to Figures 147-A, 147-C and 147-D –Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules to allow the substitution of sweet gum for hardwood for ductile pipe figures.

Background:
American USA Steel & Iron Pipe requested over the road testing to quantify the use of Sweet Gum timbers as an acceptable substitute to hardwood in Section 2 Figures 147-A, 147-C and 147-D. Testing was conducted under LT 1283. The test data was reviewed and approved by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee.

Notes and Additional Requirements:
1. Item D chock blocks must be predrilled to prevent splitting, unless power-driven nails are used.
2. Trim all excess approved non-metallic woven polyester cord strap to 12 in. in length.
3. Sweet gum is an acceptable substitute for hardwood in this figure.

The implementation of this revision to Figures 147-A, 147-C and 147-D, Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment for Figures 147-A, 147-C and 147-D in your copy of Section 2 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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