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Circular Letter

Subject: Solicitation of comments to Archive Figure 123, Pipe, Steel, 26 in. O.D. and Less, Uniform or Mixed Lengths and Diameters, with Wire, NO. 3 Gauge High Tension – Gondolas Section 2, AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

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The OTLRC requests comments from the industry to determine the effects of the elimination of Figure 123 from Section 2 of the Open Top Loading Rules.

Figure 123 Pipe, Steel, 26 in. O.D. and Less, Uniform or Mixed Lengths and Diameters, with Wire, NO. 3 Gauge High Tension – Gondolas, Section 2, will be archived into the New AAR Open Top Loading Rule Manual Section 4 2016 Revision.

Section 4 addresses the Archiving of Rules and Figures from Sections 1 through 7. Figures in this New Section 4 have been withdrawn by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee from their original Section for various reasons, such as unsafe loading method or no longer applicable due to car structure, etc. These archived figures are no longer intended for publication unless re-instated by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee.

A review of Figure 123 Pipe, Steel, 26 in. O.D. and Less, Uniform or Mixed Lengths and Diameters, with Wire, NO. 3 Gauge High Tension – Gondolas, by the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has concluded that Section 1 – General Rules, of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual allows for wire to be substituted for steel bands. As such, Figure 123 is redundant.

Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of AAR Rule 123, comments are herein solicited and should be sent with any additional attachments 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. Comments may also be placed directly on the attached figure for clarity and submitted.

All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of Section 2, Figure 123. The AAR has a long standing practice of seeking comments on changes and additions to rules or standards that may affect stakeholders. All are encouraged to voice their opinions with comments to Mr. Wolgram. 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 or otlr@aar.com

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