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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation Editorial Changes to Figure 54-B LUMBER, 4 FT TO 8 FT LONG, PACKAGED—CENTER A-FRAME FLATCARS, WITH CABLE TIE-DOWNS– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 2.8.145**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the editorial revisions to Figure 54-B LUMBER, 4 FT TO 8 FT LONG, PACKAGED—CENTER A-FRAME FLATCARS, WITH CABLE TIE-DOWNS – Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

Background:

Due to the spacing of the cables and the length of the packages, it may be possible to add only one cable to some packages of lumber. This is not in compliance with Item H (*"minimum of 2 cables per each top unit"*). The OTLRC has approved the use of Type 1A Grade 7 strap to be added to those locations in which it is only possible to use one cable in order to properly secure the load.

Additionally, the OTLRC has approved the use Type 1A Grade 4 non-metallic strap as a substitute for ¾" x 0.022 package bands (Items K and M) in figure 54-B.

The implementation of this revision to Figure 54-B, Section 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 attachment for Figure 54-Bin your copy Section 5 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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