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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation Editorial Changes to FIGURE 35 PANEL PRODUCTS, UNCOATED, 8 FT LONG AND OVER, PACKAGED IN UNIFORM LENGTH AND WIDTH—BULKHEAD FLATCARS– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR) – Crosswise Packages

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 35 PANEL PRODUCTS, UNCOATED, 8 FT LONG AND OVER, PACKAGED IN UNIFORM LENGTH AND WIDTH—BULKHEADFLATCARS– Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

These changes include:
Title changed from "PANEL PRODUCTS, UNCOATED, 8 FT LONG AND OVER, PACKAGED IN UNIFORM LENGTH AND WIDTH—BULKHEAD FLATCARS" to "PANEL PRODUCTS, UNCOATED, **4** FT LONG AND OVER—BULKHEAD
FLATCARS."

ITEM E – "Top of void to be covered by sheet of particleboard reaching piles on either side of void and secured under unitizing bands" has been removed.

ITEM F – "1 per pile 4 ft wide or less, if loaded crosswise" changed to "**2** per pile 4 ft wide or less, if loaded crosswise," and "Crosswise packages less than 4' wide must be unitized together by two 1 1/4 in. x .029 in high tension bands. Crosswise packages must be of uniform length and width" has been added to the description.

Note 4 – "Addition of one crosswise package may be utilized to take up void. Pile to be secured with a minimum of two 1 1/4 in. bands or polyester straps" has been removed and replaced with "Load must have no more than eight crosswise package piles/stacks."

The implementation of this revision to Figure 35, 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 35 in 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.

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