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Circular Letter

Subject:Implementation Editorial Changes to FIGURE 58-B CROSSTIES, PACKAGED, TREATED, UNTREATED, OR PLASTIC—FLATCARS, WITH CENTER A-FRAME, PERMANENT END BULKHEADS, AND CABLE TIE-DOWN SYSTEM– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 2.14.11**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the editorial revisions to FIGURE 58-B CROSSTIES, PACKAGED, TREATED, UNTREATED, OR PLASTIC—FLATCARS, WITH CENTER A-FRAME, PERMANENT END BULKHEADS, AND CABLE TIE-DOWN SYSTEM– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual
These changes include:

Title changed from "CROSSTIES, PACKAGED, TREATED, UNTREATED, OR PLASTIC—FLATCARS, WITH CENTER A-FRAME, PERMANENT END BULKHEADS, AND CABLE TIE-DOWN SYSTEM" to "CROSSTIES, PACKAGED, TREATED, UNTREATED, OR PLASTIC, 8 FT. or 9 FT. TIES ON 73 FT. CARS, AND 8 FT. 6 IN. TIES ON 61 FT. CARS —FLATCARS, WITH CENTER A-FRAME, PERMANENT END BULKHEADS, AND CABLE TIE-DOWN SYSTEM– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual"

Existing Rule

Item C:

Separators: lumber, 1 1/2 in. x 3 1/2 in. Width must be at least 2 in. greater than height. All separators in a layer must be of equal height and in one piece. Locate each approximately 12 in. to 18 in. from each end of package. Separators may be attached to top or bottom of packages with Item E package bands. If separators are located on top of packages, all packages in the top layer must have separators secured with one 10-D nail in addition to the Item E package bands.

Changes:

Item C:

Separators: lumber, 1 1/2 in. x 3 1/2 in. Width must be at least 2 in. greater than height. All separators in a layer must be of equal height and in one piece. Locate each approximately 12 in. to 18 in. from each end of package. Separators must fully support the package by extending the full width of the package and be placed perpendicular (90 degrees) to the A-frame. Separators must not extend more that 2 inches past the vertical edge of the packages. Separators may be attached to top or bottom of packages with Item E package bands. If separators are located on top of packages, all packages in the top layer must have separators secured with one 10-D nail in addition to the Item E package bands.

SKETCH 1– Sketch 1 with Detail A and Detail B has been removed.

SKETCH 2 – Sketch 2 has been removed.

Note 1 – Note 1 Has been removed.

The implementation of this revision to Figure 58-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 58-B 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.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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