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Circular Letter

Subject:Solicitation of comments to Modify Note 3 in Fig 112-A from Sec 5 to reflect an actual load height allowance (not all BHs have stencil) – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 2.18.4**

The OTLRC requests comments from the industry regarding changing Note 3 in Figure 112-A to restrict the load height to not exceed the height of the bulkheads. Any stencil on the car limiting load height supersedes the load height limit. This change is due to FRA/RAC restrictions on shiftable loads and their train placement.

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 these changes to Figure 112-A in Section 5 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual. 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 and questions 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

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.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

Sincerely,
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Attachments
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