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Circular Letter

Subject:Implementation of Editorial changes to Figure 88-B MILITARY VEHICLES, PNEUMATIC TIRES, NON-ARTICULATED, 75,850 LB OR LESS, SECURED WITH CHAINS-FLATCARS, 88-F MILITARY VEHICLES, ARMOURED, PNEUMATIC TIRES, NON-ARTICULATED, 75,850 LB OR LESS, SECURED WI

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 11.0.180**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved changes to Figures 88-B, 88-F AND 88-I, Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

The changes are as follows:

Note 5: Vehicles equipped with air suspensions shall have the suspensions bled prior to application of chains to restrain it properly for transport. This is done to prevent air suspensions from leaking and losing pressure causing the vehicle to lower significantly in transit and introduce an unsafe amount of chain slack.

Note 6: Vehicles that have a mix of spring suspensions and air suspensions can leave the air suspension intact as long as there is at least one axle with a spring suspension on the front and back of the vehicle.

The original notes in figure 88-B, 88-F and 88-I have been renumbered to accommodate the insertion of the new notes above.

The implementation of these changes to Figures 88-B, 88-F and 88-I, Section 6 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 Figures 88-B, 88-F and 88-I in your copy of Section 6 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, 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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