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Circular Letter

Subject: Expansion of the AAR Specification M-1003 Quality Assurance Program to include Facilities that Manufacture Journal Roller Bearing Adapters for Freight Cars

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

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The Wheels, Axles, Bearings, & Lubrication (WABL) Committee has recommended and the Technical Services Working Committee has endorsed expansion of the industry's Quality Assurance Program to encompass manufacturers of journal roller bearing adapters for freight cars.

AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section H, Specification M-924, JOURNAL ROLLER BEARING ADAPTERS FOR FREIGHT CARS, paragraph 3.1.1 states: "*The basis for approval must be satisfactory compliance with this specification as well as with AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section J, Specification M-1003.*"

Manufacturers of Journal Roller Bearing Adapters for Freight Cars are hereby invited to send application for AAR M-1003 Certification to:

QA Program Coordinator
TTCI
P.O. Box 11130
Pueblo, Colorado, 81001

The application may be found in AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section J, Specification M-1003 pages J-24 and J-25. Should you need to purchase a copy of MSRP Section J please contact AAR Publications toll free at 877-999-8824.

Upon receipt of the application, by the QA Program Coordinator, additional information concerning the certification process will be forwarded to each applicant. Facilities filing formal application by August 1, 2007 will be assured "common group" status, that is, certification will be simultaneously awarded to all qualifying facilities in that group, provided all necessary information is furnished by the applicant in a timely fashion.

Dependent upon the progress of requisite site audits, the schedule for completion of certification requirements is targeted for October 1, 2007.

As information, the implementation of AAR Specification M-1003 was originally announced in Circular Letter C-7081, dated September 10, 1985.

Questions regarding application requirements or procedures should be directed to Joy Cooke at (719) 584-0715 or qa@aar.com.

Sincerely,

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