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**CIRCULAR LETTER  
(c-9866)**

**Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Rule 63  
TO MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

**File Number: AC-2346**

Circular Letter c-9829 was issued on April 28, 2004 soliciting comments on a series of changes to the Rule. All comments received were reviewed by the sponsoring Committee. The result of this deliberation prompted clarification to the implementation plan. It must be pointed out that it is the desire of the AEI group to eliminate the use of secondhand tags in favor of reconditioned. Please refer to S-918 for the reconditioning requirements. Questions concerning M-1003 certification procedures can be referred to Ms. Joy Cooke at 719-584-0715. As such, the changes as attached to this letter will become effective on October 1, 2004. Of particular note is the deletion of Condition Code 8; remove, reprogram and replace.

It also must be pointed out that the AEI group is nearly ready to unveil the next generation of AEI tags. It will replace, over time, the current design which permits the removal and replacement of the "plug" in favor of a design less prone to damage while programming or reprogramming. Details regarding this new tag will be published in a future circular.



ac2346Rule 63 changes to implement S918.

Sincerely,

Thomas Stahura



**AC-2346**

Proposed changes to Rule 63 in the Field Manual to implement changes in S-918.

Current

- B. Correct Repairs
  - 20. See page 418 of the Field Manual.

Proposed

- E. General Information
  - 8. Language from current B.20 is moved as a new E.8.

Current

- B. Correct Repairs
  - 20. Vacant

Proposed

- B. Correct Repairs
  - 20. AEI tags replaced must be new or reconditioned.

Current

- C. Reconditioning Requirements
  - 1. Not applicable

Proposed

- C. Reconditioning requirements
  - 1. Reconditioning of AEI tags must be in accordance with AAR Specification S-918 and be performed in facilities that have received an AAR Quality Assurance Certification as required in AAR Specification M-1003.

Current

- E. General Information
  - 6. If car initial, car number, exterior length, number of axles, or bearing type are changed, AEI tags must be replaced or reprogrammed.

Proposed

- E. General Information
  - 6. If car initial, car number, exterior length, number of axles, or bearing type is changed, AEI tags must be replaced.

**Current**

- F. **Billing Repair Card Requirements**
  - 3. **Condition Code**
    - 1 = New
    - 2 = Secondhand
    - 8 = Remove, Reprogram and Replace
    - 9 = Remove and Replace same part

**Proposed**

- F. **Billing Repair Card Requirements**
  - 3. **Condition code**
    - 1 = New
    - 3 = Reconditioned
    - 9 = Remove and Replace same part

These changes will require a corresponding change in the Office Manual Price Matrices to eliminate the second hand price and implement a reconditioned price for AEI tag application.