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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation of Editorial Changes to Section 2 Figure 124 PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. O.D. UNIFORM OR MIXED LENGTHS AND DIAMETERS-GONDOLAS (MUST HAVE 4FT. VOID AT EACH END ON MATERIAL LOADED ABOVE CAR ENDS AT ORIGIN), Section 2 – AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RUL

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 4.1.72**

The Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Committee approved the Editorial Changes to Section 2 Figure 124, STEEL PIPE, 26 IN. O.D. AND LESS, UNIFORM OR MIXED LENGHTS AND DIAMETERS-GONDOLAS (MUST HAVE 4FT. VOID AT EACH END ON MATERIAL LOADED ABOVE CAR ENDS AT ORIGIN).

The OTLR Committee has prepared a restriction to Section 2 Figure 124 for the allowable longitudinal void above the car ends at origin. The OTLRC has reviewed and considered the comments received from the steel shipping industry to help properly define and finalize the changes to the figure for inclusion in the next revision of Section 2 of the OTLR Manuals. The Solicitation of Comments was issued via Circular Letter C-12162 on May 21, 2014.

Original Section 2 Figure 124 Title

PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. O.D. OR LESS, UNIFORM OR MIXED LENGTHS AND DIAMETERS-GONDOLAS

APPROVED CHANGES:

PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. O.D. OR LESS, UNIFORM OR MIXED LENGTHS AND DIAMETERS —GONDOLAS (MUST HAVE 4FT. VOID AT EACH END ON MATERIAL LOADED ABOVE CAR ENDS AT ORIGIN)

Notes and Additional Requirements:

9. All pipe loaded above the car sides must be 8 ft less in length than the inside length of car and centered at origin. On gondola cars equipped with end bulkheads higher than the car sides, pipe may be full length of car provided they do not exceed the height of the bulkheads.

These editorial changes are the result of the OTLRC and Steel Industry working together to develop additional loading figures to address the excessive longitudinal shifts that are associated with this particular loading figure. The additional loading figures approved are:

Figure 124-A PIPE, STEEL, COATED OR UNCOATED, 24 IN. O.D. OR LESS, 40 FT. TO 61 FT. LONG – GONDOLAS,

Figure 124-B PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. OD OR LESS, MAXIMUM 48 FT MIXED DIAMETERS, SECURED

WITH NON-METALLIC STRAPPING—52-FT GONDOLAS

Figure 124-C PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. MAXIMUM DIAMETER, UNIFORM OR MIXED LENGTHS AND DIAMETERS, SECURED WITH NON-METALLIC STRAPPING—GONDOLAS

The implementation of this revision to Section 2 Figure 124 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert the circular into your copy of Section 2 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. Mike Sandoval, Manager-AAR Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001. Or email to mike_sandoval@aar.com.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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