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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation Editorial Changes to Pipe Figure 244 and Pipe Figure 247 - Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number: LR 4.GEN.4**

This Circular Letter is being reissued on January 15, 2015 because a naming error in the attachment did not allow it to be visible on the website. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the editorial revisions to Figure 244 Pipe, Steel, Bare, Coated, or Wrapped, 16 in. to 72 in. O.D., 40 Ft. Long, Single Pile – Flatcars and Figure 247 Pipe, Steel, Bare, Coated, or Wrapped, 16 in. to 72 in. O.D., 40 Ft. Long, Two Piles – Flatcars, 85 ft. to 89 ft., – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

Background:
The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) requested the OTLRC clarify the term "nominal" in the 200 series Pipe Figures in Section 2 of the Open Top loading Rules Manual at the Committee Meeting held in Montreal Quebec, September 16-17, 2008. A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) was formed including members of the steel industry to address these issues.

The TAG has completed the editorial changes to the **Notes and Additional Requirements** of these figures to be more consistent within the 200 Series Figures of Section 2 along with the steel industry standards recommended by the TAG.

Figure 247 Notes and Additional Requirements Editorial Changes – removed repeating verbiage

7. Pipe must be centrally located on car at origin. Center line of pipe must be within inside edge of car side sills. Coated pipe must have a minimum of 4 ft of void space and bare pipe a minimum of 3 ft of void space ~~and bare pipe a minimum of 3 ft of void space~~ between end of load and end of car, except on cars equipped with bulkheads.

The implementation of these revisions to Figure 244 and Figure 247, Section 2 are 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 Figure 244 and Figure 247 in your copy 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.

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ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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