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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation of Editorial Changes to Section 2 Figure 14 PLATE OR SLAB, HORIZONTAL – FLATCARS OR BULKHEAD FLATCARS, 66FT OR LESS and Figure 14-A PLATE, HORIZONTAL, SINGLE LOAD, WITH OR WITHOUT OVERHANG - FLATCARS AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANU

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 3.5.73**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the editorial changes to Figures 14 and 14-A, Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules. These editorial changes were recommended by the OTLRC Long Plate TAG established in March 2012.

Title Changes:
Section 2 Figure 14:
Existing: PLATE OR SLAB, HORIZONTAL - FLATCARS
New: PLATE OR SLAB, HORIZONTAL – FLATCARS OR BULKHEAD FLATCARS, 66FT OR LESS
Section 2 Figure 14-A:
Existing: PLATE, HORIZONTAL, SINGLE OR DOUBLE-END OVERHANG -FLATCARS
New: PLATE, HORIZONTAL, SINGLE LOAD, WITH OR WITHOUT OVERHANG - FLATCARS

Item A, in both of the figures, was also modified to be consistent with each of the two figures.
"Load should be centrally located on car at origin, but must not be closer than 2 ft from the B-End and 1 ft from the A-End of car. Conventional flatcars only. When the load is prepared on flatcars with side mounted hand brakes, the load may be located no closer than 1 ft from either end of the car or from any hand brakes and safety appliances that extend above the side sill."

The implementation of editorial changes to Figures 14 and 14-A, 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 Figures 14 and 14-A 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.

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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