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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Rule 29, LOADS ON ONE CAR OVERHANGING ONE OR BOTH ENDS OF CAR, Section 1, Part 3 of the AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

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The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the following revision of Rule 29, "LOADS ON ONE CAR OVERHANGING ONE OR BOTH ENDS OF CAR", Section 1, Open Top Loading Rules Manual, (OTLR).

A OTLR Committee proposal was submitted to revise rules regarding end clearance on single- and double-end overhanging loads. The proposal stated that there is a need to add additional footage to the load length on overhanging loads, and that a note is required in the General Rules indicating that any dimensions reported for these loads will require 3 feet to be added to each overhanging end since it is known that the load will shift up to 3 feet.

After careful review and consideration of the information presented, the Committee agreed that the following verbiage additions should be made to Rule 29.2, and to the notes in Tables 29.1 and 29.2:

Insert the following into Rule 29.2, referencing Tables 29.1 and 29.2:

"For figures that allow overhanging *floating* loads, 3-ft of additional length must be added to the length of material found in Tables 29.1 and 29.2, at *each* end of material overhanging the car body."

Insert the following at the end of the notes above Tables 29.1 and 29.2:

"For floating loads, see General Rule 29.2."

This change is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual, Section 1, Part 3 of the General Rules. In the interim, please insert the attached revised Rule 29.2, Section 1 into your Open Top Loading Rules manual and be governed accordingly. For ease of updating your manual, page 81, the reverse side of the first revised page is included as well. 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 William G. Larson, Manager-Open Top Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001. Or email to william_larson@aar.com.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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