

# AAR CIRCULAR LETTER SUMMARY – APRIL 2017

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## IMPLEMENTATION CIRCULARS

### **C-12853**

#### **Implementation of Revision to MSRP Section H-II, ROLLER BEARING MANUAL, S-723, Seal Wear Ring**

**Issued: April 03, 2017**

**Effective: April 03, 2017**

The revision of S-723 concerns the inspection of roller bearing seal wear rings. The revised S-723 is now implemented and effective immediately. A copy of the revised document is attached to the circular. All facilities must be compliant by January 1, 2018. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H-II. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

### **CPC-1325**

#### **Final Action, Revision to MSRP Section C Part III, M-1002, Specifications for Tank Cars, Chapter 2**

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This action addresses the timeframe for requiring the transportation of TIH material in the package specified in 49 CFR 179.102-3 for cars marked "DOT" and in TP-14877, paragraph 10.5.1.2, for cars marked "TC." Chapter 2 has been revised. A copy of the revised document is attached to the circular. The modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C-III. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment into your copy of MSRP Section C-III, and be governed accordingly.

**C-12855**

**Implementation of Revised AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section N, Multi-Level Manual**

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The revised MSRP Section N is now available at: [www.aarpublications.com](http://www.aarpublications.com)

**C-12857**

**Implementation of revision to MSRP Section F, Standard S-6020 - Data Summary - Line of Road Failure - No Cause Found (LORF-NCF).**

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The revisions to S-6020 are now implemented and effective immediately. The modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment into your copy of MSRP Section F and be governed accordingly.

**C-12863**

**Implementation of Revised AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manuals (OTLR)**

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Manuals are available from <http://www.aar.com/standards/OpenTop-manual.html>. 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.

**C-12864**

**CORRECTION to the April 1, 2017 Release of the Office Manual**

**Issued: April 28, 2017**

**Effective: April 28, 2017**

There is an overlap in page numbers (Appendices H and I) in the issuance of the April 1, 2017 Office Manual Revisions. Instructions and pages are attached to the circular.

**C-12854**

**Solicitation of comments - Revision to MSRP Section F, Standard S-6009 - Data Summary - Automatic Equipment Identification (AEI)**

**Issued: April 07, 2017**

**Effective: 30 days for comments**

The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee has proposed revisions to S-6009 regarding auto-close logic and auto-close display text. The proposed changes are in the attachment to this circular.

**C-12856**

**Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Change to Rule B-1, General Rules, Circular No. 43-F, Rules Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight in Closed Trailers and Containers for TOFC/COFC Service (DP&FC)**

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The proposed addition concerns tarpaulins, or other types of coverings, in open top containers. The proposed addition is included in the circular.

**C-12859**

**Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, CASTING DETAILS, Specifications M-201, M-210, and M-211, regarding MSRP compliance (supplemental) checklists**

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**Effective: 30 days for comments**

The AAR Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee updated the checklists related to M-201, M-210, and M-211. Drafts of each specification are attached to the circular.

**C-12860**

**Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S-II, TRUCK DETAILS AND CASTING CODES, Standard S-392, Truck – Design Drawings, update to Code Sheets and Drawings**

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The proposed revisions concerns updated code sheets (EC3034 and EC-3038), an updated list of figures (section 8) and the addition of three corresponding figures. The changes are included in attachments to the circular.

**C-12861**

**Solicitation of Comments on Revisions to MSRP Section C, Standard S-2044, SAFETY APPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR FREIGHT CARS**

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**Effective: 30 days for comments**

AAR Standard S-2044, Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars, replaces the safety appliance regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration and certain AAR standards for cars built new after specified dates. Additional appendices have been developed and the base standard has been modified to incorporate references to those appendices. The Safety Appliance Task Force requests that members to pay particular attention to revisions to

paragraph 5.13 of the base standard. All details of revisions, modifications, additions and effective dates are attached to the circular.

**C-12862**

**Solicitation of comments to Figure 34-A Coils of Rod or Bar – Gondolas. – Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)**

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**Effective: 30 days for comments**

The proposed change is to the requirements of Note #3, details are attached to the circular. 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.

NOTICE CIRCULARS

**C-12852**

**New class registrations are open for 2017 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance training courses: Root Cause Analysis Class, Basic Auditor Training Class, and the Advanced Auditor Training Class.**

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**Effective: N/A**

See circular for a summary of the courses, dates and locations.

**C-12858**

**Save the Date for the 2018 AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference**

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**Effective: N/A**

The 30th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference will be held the week of January 22, 2018 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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