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IMPLEMENTATION CIRCULARS

C-12838

Revision to MSRP Section F, SENSORS, S-920, Axle Repair Tracking

Issued: March 02, 2017

Effective: Immediate

S-920 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 F. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment into your copy of MSRP Section F and be governed accordingly.

C-12839

Retiring of MSRP Section H-III, Lubrication Manual; Elimination of Section H-III from Field Manual Rule 1 requirements; Editorial Change to Field Manual Rule 65

Issued: March 06, 2017

Effective: Immediate

Section H-III is no longer an AAR Field Manual Rule 1 requirement. Revisions to Rule 1.5.b and Rule 65.B.3 are identified in the circular. This Circular is identified as mandatory and must be maintained until the next revision of the Field Manual.

C-12842

Revisions to Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M; Specification M-916; Sand for Traction

Issued: March 08, 2017

Effective: Immediate

M-916 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 M. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment into your copy of MSRP Section M and be governed accordingly.

C-12843

Additional Terms and Definitions to Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M; Standard S-5019, Locomotive Definitions

Issued: March 08, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The definitions document has been expanded from a single term and definition to add nineteen (19) new locomotive related terms and definitions. The revised AAR standard S-5019 is attached to this circular.

The revised S-5019 standard will be reflected in the next issue of Section M. In the interim please insert this circular in your copy of MSRP Section M and be governed accordingly.

C-12844

Editorial Revision to MSRP Section M, Standard S-5515; Led Lighting for Locomotives

Issued: March 08, 2017

Effective: Immediate

This circular implements the editorial revision which references Section K-I Standard S-5702 as a source of input to Section M, Standard S-5515; Led Lighting For Locomotives

Refer to the circular for updated revisions. This revision to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section M, Standard S-5515 "Led lighting for locomotives" is now implemented effective immediately. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

C-12845

Revision to MSRP Section S-II; Truck Details and Casting Codes, S-392; Trademark Updates

Issued: March 17, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The attachment to this Circular contains a partial replacement of S-392. These revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-II, S-392; "Truck details and casting codes", are now implemented effective immediately. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

C-12846

New standard in MSRP Section E; Brakes And Brake Equipment, S-4047; Positive Train Control Locomotive Air Brake Interface Requirements

Issued: March 17, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The purpose of this new standard is to identify the interface requirements between the positive train control (PTC) system and the locomotive air brake system for the purpose of PTC penalty brake applications. The new standard is attached to the circular and is now implemented effective immediately. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

C-12848

Revisions to MSRP Section S; Casting Details, Specification M-220; Casting Component Nondestructive Testing Requirements

Issued: March 21, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The proposed revisions clarified that the requirement for recording serial numbers applies to manufacturing, reconditioning, or secondhand classification. The attachment to this Circular Letter replaces M-220 in its entirety. These revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S, M-220; "Casting details," are now implemented effective immediately. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

C-12849

Revision to MSRP Section H-II, ROLLER BEARING MANUAL, S-721; Inspection Criteria, S-725; Interchangeable Parts, and S-726; Remanufacture Facility title

Issued: March 27, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The attachment to this Circular contains the following replacement pages: H-II [S-721] 1-18; H-II [S-725] 1-6; H-II [S-726] 1-18. These revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H-II, "Roller Bearing Manual" are now implemented effective immediately. Please update your library and be governed accordingly.

C-12851

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

Issued: March 31, 2017

Effective: Immediate

The revisions to S-6009 are being implemented as proposed in Circular Letter C-12822 and are 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.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS CIRCULARS

C-12837

Proposed Revisions to MSRP Sections C (Car Construction) and M (Locomotives) for New Standard S-2056- "Clearance plate diagrams for interchange service" and "New clearance plate M-locomotive diagram for interchange service."

Issued: March 02, 2017

Effective: 30 days for comments

Implementation will require modifications to both MSRP Section C “Car Construction Fundamentals and Details,” and MSRP Section M “Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment.” Attached to the circular is a list of the existing standards that will cease to exist as standalone publications.

C-12841

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

Issued: March 08, 2017

Effective: 30 days for comments

The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee has proposed revising S-6020 to include the new element “Total group count.” The proposed changes can be found in subsections 2.0 “Data summary elements” and 3.0 “Data summary roll up example.” The proposed changes are included in the attachment to the circular.

NOTICE CIRCULARS

C-12840

Car Repair Facility Labor Rate

Issued: March 07, 2017

Effective: April 1, 2017

The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate will be \$129.74 and is unchanged from the previous quarter.

C-12850

Elimination of the Canadian Price Master - Delayed Based on Industry Comments Received

Issued: March 28, 2017

Effective: N/A

On February 23, 2017, Circular Letter C-12836 was issued soliciting comments on the elimination of the Canadian Price Master. Based on comments received, the Car Repair Billing Committee will delay the elimination of the Canadian Price Master at this time. A 2017 Q2 Canadian Price Master will be created by the AAR and made available to the industry via Railinc. The circular includes contact information and step-by-step instructions to request access to the document.

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