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Subject: March 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The March 2024 summary includes the (12) circular letters issued during the month.

This document provides a summary of each Association of American Railroads (“AAR”) circular letter issued during the previous month. A circular letter provides information of general applicability to the railroad industry, including proposed and final rules, standards, specifications, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR’s MxV Rail, formally known as the Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated (“TTCI”) located in Pueblo, Colorado. You may sign up to receive AAR circular letters online. If you need further assistance with access to circulars, go to this link: <https://www.aar.com/standards/circular.php>.

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The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, specification, or recommended practice, any comment due date, an impact statement, and to the extent it applies, if the circular letter is mandatory.

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Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular		
CPC-1421 Mar. 5, 2024	<p>Subject: Revision to CPC-1420 Appendix E Paragraph 8.4.</p> <p>Summary: This CPC is released to correct the implementation date found in Appendix E paragraph 8.4. The date has been changed to July 1, 2024. Any questions should be forwarded to AAR Tank Car Committee Staff.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Appendix E, Section 8.4’s date has been revised from January 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>

<p>C-14321 Mar. 8, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters Used and Reconditioned, regarding unit guide modifications and repair of bolster pocket top extensions.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters Used and Reconditioned – Classification and Repair Procedure, regarding unit guide modifications and repair of bolster pocket top extensions.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-214 is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I. If Section S-1 is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your copy.</p>
<p>C-14322 Mar. 8, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implemented. AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management, Standard S-9421.V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: S-9421.V1.0 describes the minimal set of behaviors that a WIU (Client) must comply with for interfacing with ITC Systems Management to align with the PSA-2 architecture.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-9421.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-V is a required publication, be sure to download the revised S-9421.V1.0.</p>
<p>C-14323 Mar. 8, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implemented. AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications, Standard S-9502.V2.0.</p> <p>Summary: S-9502.V2.0 provides a common track data exchange format for use between railroads in support of track data maintenance activities for interoperable PTC operations.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9502.V2.0 was Adopted in 2020 and Last Revised in 2024 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9502.V2.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-V is a required publication, be sure to download the revised S-9502.V2.0.</p>

<p>C-14327 Mar. 22, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-212, Couplers and Yokes, Secondhand–Classification and Reconditioning Procedure, and implementation of new Specification M-212A for coupler/draft system related parts.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-212, Couplers and Yokes, Secondhand–Classification and Reconditioning Procedure.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specifications M-212 and M-212A are now implemented and effective immediately. These specifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section S-1 is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachments to this circular and update your manual.</p>
<p>C-14328 Mar. 22, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-201, Castings Steel, regarding updates to sections 5.0 (Heat Treatment) and 6.0 (Chemical Properties and Tests).</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-201, Castings Steel.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-201 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section S-1 is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachments to this circular and update your manual.</p>
<p>C-14329 Mar. 28, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management, Standard S-9418.V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: S-9418.V1.0 only describes the security aspects of PSA-2 as they relate to the Systems Management Gateway. It is anticipated another team responsible for Systems Management Gateway requirements will expand upon this document to achieve the full set of ITCSM Gateway requirements supporting PSA-2 with consideration for the migration from PSA-1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-9418.V1.0 was Adopted in 2024 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9418.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Railroads be sure to update your copy of Section K-V with the latest revision of A-9418.V1.0.</p>

Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-14326 Mar. 14, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments to Revised MSRP Section T-1, Specification, M-1004 Specification for Fuel Tenders, to Include Aspects for CH2 and LH2 Style Tenders, and Included Specific Questions.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to seek comments on the revised Section T-1, Specification, M-1004 - Specification for Fuel Tenders. This attached version incorporates changes to the M-1004 specification to accommodate new requirements necessary for tenders to carry compressed and liquified hydrogen. This circular letter also seeks comments to the attached list of specific questions noted within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Energy Tenders Technical Advisory Group.</p>	<p>Car Type: Fuel Tenders</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should refer to this circular for the noted attachments available for review for Specification, M-1004 - Specification for Fuel Tenders.</p>
<p>C-14330 Mar. 29, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments on the Retirement and Archiving of MSRP Section M, Recommended Practice – RP-5209 basic brake design data for freight locomotives.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this Circular is to notify the industry of and to solicit comments on the retirement and archiving of MSRP Section M, Recommended Practice – RP-5209 basic brake design data for freight locomotives.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from this Circular's publishing date will be reviewed by the Locomotive Committee per S-050.</p>	<p>Car Type: Locomotives</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review the attachment to this circular and comment accordingly.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-14320 Mar. 6, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Date Change - NARMO 2024 - Rescheduled to August 12-15, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: NARMO 2024 has been rescheduled to August 12-15, 2024. The location and format will remain as announced in Circular Letter C-14309.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Full details, including a tentative agenda and hotel room block information, can be found on the registration page.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Optional</p> <p>Repair Shop: Optional</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for registration information.</p>

<p>C-14324 Mar. 11, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective April 1, 2024 is \$161.67, unchanged from the calculation for January 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the April 1, 2024 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The only change this quarter was an update to health and welfare employee cost sharing for one railroad, but it was not material enough to create a variance.</p>
<p>C-14325 Mar. 11, 2024</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for April 1, 2024 is \$242.09 CAD, a decrease of seven cents from the calculation for January 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the April 1, 2024 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health & Welfare portions of the April 1 Canadian Labor Rate is 1.3478. This caused the decrease in the Canadian Labor Rate.</p>