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Subject: September 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The September 2024 summary includes the (8) 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, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR’s 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, please send any future questions and issues to Pubs@aar.com.

The Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules, Rule 1, b. (11), requires maintaining a copy of each “*mandatory circular letter*” that revises an “*Interchange Rule*” or the “*Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices.*” For your convenience, this document identifies mandatory circular letters. For those circulars that propose or implement final changes to an existing rule, standard, or recommended practice, this document provides an impact statement to car owners, lessors, mechanical shops, and railroad operations.

The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, 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 |
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| Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular | | |
| C-14419 Sept. 12, 2024 | <p>Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107, Exhibits II and IV - Effective October 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: On July 1, 2024, Circular Letter C-14394 was issued to solicit comments on proposed changes to Office Manual Rule 107, Exhibits II and IV to address the change in AAR Mandatory Retirement Age from 40 to 50 years.</p> <p>Implementation Date: No comments were received, therefore the revisions to Rule 107, Exhibits II and IV as indicated in C-14394, will become effective October 1, 2024.</p> | <p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Updates to Rule 107 will be included in the October 2024 updates to the Office Manual.</p> |

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| <p>CPC-1426 Sept. 13, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Interchange rules and Umler System Registration.</p> <p>Summary: At the request of the Tank Car Committee, all members and tank car owners are reminded of the need to provide accurate and complete Umler information for all rail equipment. For tank cars the following is the requirement published in AAR MSRP C-III (M-1002) Chapter 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Entries in the Umler system need to be accurately updated to the current approved design specification to maintain AAR Interchange status. This also includes the current owner in the Umler field Ref 180.503.</p> | <p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p> |
| <p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p> | | |
| <p>C-14415 Sept. 4, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Proposed Revisions to MSRP, Section M - Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Recommended Practice, RP-509 – Braking Ratios for Locomotives.</p> <p>Summary: The Locomotive Committee has approved the BSC proposed revisions to MSRP, Section M, Recommended Practice, RP-509 Braking Ratios FOR Locomotives and is submitting the revised document for industry review and comment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Locomotive Committee and appropriate revisions, if any, will be made prior to implementation.</p> | <p>Car Type: Locomotives</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The revised RP-509 is attached to this circular letter. Interested parties should download, review, and offer comments as appropriate.</p> |
| <p>C-14416 Sept. 5, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 107.E, Additions and Betterments.</p> <p>Summary: A proposal was advanced to revise Office Manual Rule 107, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2025.</p> | <p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the proposed Office Manual Rule 107 revisions.</p> |

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| <p>CPC_1425 Sept. 13, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Proposed Service Trial Requirements.</p> <p>Summary: 4-year timeline to complete 2-year trial and teardown All equipment put into service under the approved service trial must not exceed the allowed quantity unless approved by TCC prior to the start of the service trial. A detailed service trial plan must be submitted and approved prior to placing equipment in service. All Service Trials are required to provide quarterly updates due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. See this CPC for the full proposed requirements.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The proposed revision included in this circular and comments will be accepted within 30 days of the publication date. This proposal would be effective for all service trail approved after the publication of the final action.</p> | <p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Affected parties should download a copy of this CPC and review it proposed changes to the process.</p> |
| <p>General Information for the Industry</p> | | |
| <p>C-14417 Sept. 6, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Informational Circular, <u>US Car Repair Facility</u> Labor Rate – Effective October 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate effective October 1, 2024 is \$171.97, an increase of \$5.45 (or 3.3%) from the labor rate estimated on July 1, 2024.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the October 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: N/A</p> |
| <p>C-14418 Sept. 6, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Informational Circular, <u>Canadian Car Repair Facility</u> Labor Rate – Effective October 1, 2024.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for October 1, 2024 is \$249.45 CAD (Two hundred and forty-nine Canadian dollars and forty-five cents), an increase of six dollars and eighty-five cents from the calculation for July 1.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the October 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: N/A</p> |

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| <p>C-14420 Sept. 30, 2024</p> | <p>Subject: Registration is Now Open for The February 2025 AAR Quality Assurance Industry Conference.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce: The 37th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Industry Conference, February 25-27, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona</p> <p>Implementation Date: See circular for cost and registration details.</p> | <p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The first two days of the conference are open to all attendees and will include industry informational and training presentations. The third day includes quality assurance workshops and is open to all registrants. The conference schedule is summarized below:</p> <p>Monday, February 24, 2025: Early Registration Tuesday, February 25, 2025: Industry Training Presentations Wednesday, February 26, 2025: Industry Training Presentations Thursday, February 27, 2025: Quality Assurance Workshops</p> |
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