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Circular Letter

Subject:IMPLEMENTATION OF EDITORIAL CHANGES TO SECTION 1 - RULE 21 CHAIN, BINDERS, AND ASSEMBLIES (NEW RULE 21.10.10.1- AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)

To:MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS **File Number:LR 1.21.23**

The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has accepted the addition of a new rule to Section 1 Rule 21 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.

New Rule:
21.10.10.1 Winch pawl must be wire-tied either around pawl and ratchet or through the hole provided on some winches (the pawl is the part that keeps the ratchet wheel from unwinding.)

This rule is intended to prevent the undesired unwinding of ratchet during the transport of open top loads.

The implementation of this revision to Section 1 Rule 21 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert the circular into your copy of Section 1 and be governed accordingly. Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attentions and guidance.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Travis Wolgram, Manager-AAR Loading Rules and Damage Prevention, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo CO 81001. Or email to travis_wolgram@aar.com.

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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