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Circular Letter

Subject: Implementation to Archive Figure 135, Section 2, AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES (OTLR)

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

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In accordance with the requirements of AAR Standard S-050, the OTLR Committee has approved the archiving of Figure 135 from Section 2.

The OTLRC has determined that this loading method has been responsible for an increase in leaning loads due to chocks not being required on separators and the failure to comply with the requirement in item J: *"Locate stub stakes so that void space between end of load and bulkhead does not exceed distance between any stub stake and nearest binder. When distance between bulkhead and lading exceeds distance between stub stake and end of lading, a third pair of stub stakes is required at center of load. The load must be protected by at least two pairs of stub stakes at all times."*

Figure 135, Section 2, PIPE, STEEL AND WROUGHT IRON, UNCOATED OR VARNISH COATED, 2 3/8 IN. TO 12 3/4 IN. O.D., 38 FT LONG AND OVER-BULKHEAD FLATCARS will be archived into the AAR Open Top Loading Rule Manual Section 4 2016 Revision.

Section 4 addresses the Archiving of Rules and Figures from Sections 1 through 7. Figures in this New Section 4 have been withdrawn by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee from their original Section for various reasons, such as unsafe loading method, no longer applicable due to car structure, etc. These archived figures are no longer intended for publication unless re-instated by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee.

These changes are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manuals. In the interim, please print a copy for your records until the new Section 4 is published. 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.

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 or otlr@aar.com

ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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