October 2026 Circular Summary

Total Circulars Released: 37

Breakdown by Type:

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C-14851	Proposed revisions to MSRP Section D, TRUCKS AND TRUCK DETAILS, RP-323, and MSRP Section S-II, TRUCK DETAILS AND CASTING CODES, S-327	30-day comment period beginning October 9, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14852	Revised MSRP Section G, WHEELS AND AXLES, Specification M-107/M-208 regarding Corrosion Resistant Coatings, Records, and Ultrasonic Testing	October 12, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement M-107/M-208 specification. (If required by your facility)
C-14853	Proposed revisions to S-6101A Detector Validation Table	30-day comment period beginning October 13, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14854	Seeking industry guidance to restrict load shifting in steel beam load Figures 108 and 109 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)	October 15, 2026	Solicitation	Provide feedback, recommendations, and best practices for securement guidelines for Figures 108 and 109.
C-14855	New MSRP Section M, LOCOMOTIVES AND LOCOMOTIVE INTERCHANGE EQUIPMENT: Standard S-585	October 16, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement S-585 into MSRP Section M and govern operations accordingly (if required by your facility)
C-14856	Availability of AAR MSRP S-I Specifications M-212 and M-212A Gauge Drawings	October 16, 2026	Informational	Follow updated procedure for obtaining M-212 and M-212A gauge drawings.
C-14857	Revised MSRP Section E, BRAKES AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT, Standard S-344 Brake Beam Specifications	October 19, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement S-344 into MSRP Section E and govern operations accordingly (if required by your facility)

C-14858	Proposed revisions to Section S, CASTING DETAILS, Specification M-211, Foundry and Product Approval Requirements for the Manufacture of Couplers, Yokes, Knuckles, Follower Blocks, and Couplers Parts	30-day comment period beginning October 22, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14859	Proposed revisions to MSRP Section S-III, COUPLER AND YOKE DETAILS, Standard S-119, Draft Gear Follower blocks	30-day comment period beginning October 22, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14860	DRAFT S-9077.V1.0 ITC Logging/Recording Data Dictionary, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture	10-day comment period beginning October 23, 2026	Solicitation	Review draft S-9077 V1.0 and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14861	Registration is now open for the 39th Annual AAR Quality Assurance and Industry Conference to be held on February 9-11, 2027	October 26, 2026	Informational	See Conference Registration, Sponsorship, and AAR Rate Lodging information if participation is desired.
C-14862	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rules 3 and 13, Painting of Hand Brake Chain	30-day comment period beginning October 26, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14863	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 8, Correct Repair Chart Group E	30-day comment period beginning October 26, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14864	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rules 18 and 57, Coupler Carrier Wear Plates	30-day comment beginning October 26, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular

C-14865	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rules 43 and 44	30-day comment period beginning October 26, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14866	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B.F	30-day comment period beginning October 26, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14867	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16, Cracked Pin Protectors	30-day comment period beginning October 27, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14868	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 48.B, Correct Repairs	30-day comment period beginning October 27, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14869	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 66 and Rule 83	30-day comment period beginning October 27, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14870	Proposed revisions to Office Manual Rule 94	30-day comment period beginning October 27, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14871	AAR Safety Alert - Deteriorated Wood Floors and Wood-Lined Bulkheads on Flat Cars	October 28, 2026	Informational	Follow “Required Actions” in the Circular to identify and remove affected cars from service and route cars for inspection and repair
C-14872	New Figure 101 for loading steel sheet pile on flatcars - Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)	October 28, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement new Figure 101 the OTLR manual and govern operations accordingly (if required by your facility)

C-14873	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 103	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14874	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 36.3	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14875	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107 Exhibit V, Additions and Betterments	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14876	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.G.5 & CRB Procedures Manual, Resubmitted Invoices	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14877	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.H.3, Maximum Invoice Rejections	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14878	Proposed revisions to Office Manual, Rule 122.A, Interpretations	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14879	Proposed revisions to Field & Office Manual Appendix A & Office Manual Rule 112.G.14, Sponsoring Railroad	30-day comment period beginning October 28, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14880	Revisions to Section C-I, Standard S-252 Door Air Lines - Location of End Cocks	October 28, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement revised S-252 and govern operations accordingly (if required by your facility)

C-14881	Revisions to C-II Design, FABRICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CARS, M-1001, Chapter 3	October 28, 2026	Implementation	Download, Review, and Implement revised M-1001 Chapter 3 and govern operations accordingly (if required by your facility)
C-14882	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 1, Required Publications and Rule 82, Welding	30-day comment period beginning October 29, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14883	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 57, Center Sills, Draft Sills, and Coupler Carriers	30-day comment period beginning October 29, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14884	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59	30-day comment period beginning October 30, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14885	Proposed revisions to C-II DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CARS, M-1001, Chapter 6 General Design and Test Requirements-Tank Cars, regarding stub sill and reinforcing pad weld requirements.	30-day comment period beginning October 30, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14886	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 58, Side Sills	30-day comment period beginning October 30, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular
C-14887	Proposed revisions to Field Manual, Rule 88	30-day period beginning October 30, 2026	Solicitation	Review proposed revisions and submit comments as instructed by the Circular

Circular Summary - C-14851

Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section D, TRUCKS AND TRUCK DETAILS, RP-323, Stop Lugs For Clip-On-Type Pedestal Roof Liners - Application, and MSRP Section S-II, TRUCK DETAILS AND CASTING CODES, S-327, regarding stop lug repairs

Date: 2026-10-09

File Number: CSTC-D-RP323.01

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section D, TRUCKS AND TRUCK DETAILS, Recommended Practice RP-323, Stop Lugs for Clip-On-Type Pedestal Roof Liners - Application, and MSRP Section S-II, TRUCK DETAILS AND CASTING CODES, Standard S-327, Side Frame - Roof Repair, regarding stop lug repairs.

Effective Date: 30-day comment period

Contact: Daniel Gutscher, Senior Manager - CSTCC, cstcc@aar.com

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14852

Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section G, WHEELS AND AXLES, Specification M-107/M-208 regarding Corrosion Resistant Coatings, Records, and Ultrasonic Testing

Date: 2026-10-12

File Number: TWBL-11.73

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section G, WHEELS AND AXLES, M-107/M-208 Wheels, Carbon Steel, to include a new appendix covering the optional use of corrosion resistant coatings, to update the record retention requirements, to update the analysis required for determining the cause of ultrasonic testing rejection, and to update the facility audit requirements.

Effective Date: 2026-10-12

Contact: Daniel Carter, Senior Committee Manager WABL, wabl@aar.com

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14853

Subject: Solicitation of Comments: Revisions to S-6101A Detector Validation Table

Date: 2026-10-14

File Number: S_6101A_ABD

Purpose: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) and the Wheels, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication Committee (WABL) are requesting comments on proposed revisions to S-6101A.

Effective Date: 2026-11-13

Contact: Greg Deibler, Executive Director, Asset Health, gdeibler@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14854

Subject: AAR OTLRC is seeking industry guidance to restrict load shifting in steel beam load Figures 108 and 108 - Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

Date: 2026-10-15

File Number: LR 3.8.84

Purpose: The AAR Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) is reaching out to request industry partnership and technical support as we work to address a growing safety concern related to excessive shifting of open-top floating loads.

Effective Date: 2026-10-15

Contact: Rama Maram, Manager - AAR Open Top Loading Rules, rama_maram@aar.com or otlr@aar.com

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14855

Subject: Implementation of New Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M, LOCOMOTIVES AND LOCOMOTIVE INTERCHANGE EQUIPMENT: Standard S-585 - LOCOMOTIVE ALIGNMENT CONTROL

Date: 2026-10-16

File Number: LM-105

Purpose: Standard S-585 was developed by the Locomotive Committee to minimize the risk of derailments associated with non-alignment control equipped freight and passenger locomotives moved in freight trains.

Effective Date: 2026-10-16

Contact: Mike Fore, Executive Director-Technical Services - Locomotive, mfore@aar.org

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14856

Subject: Informational Circular: Availability of AAR MSRP S-I Specifications M-212 and M-212A Gauge Drawings

Date: 2026-10-16

File Number: CSTC-S-M212.23

Purpose: The Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC), in concert with the Mechanical Committee of the Standard Coupler Manufacturers (MCSCM), has updated the procedure for obtaining M-212 and M-212A gauge drawings.

Effective Date: 2026-10-16

Contact: Daniel Gutscher, Senior Manager - CSTCC, cstcc@aar.com

Type: Informational

Circular Summary - C-14857

Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section E, BRAKES AND BRAKE EQUIPMENT, Standard S-344 Brake Beam Specifications and Tests, revisions to condition of brake beams offered for general distribution

Date: 2026-10-19

File Number: BSC-2.1.S-344

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section E, Standard S-344, Brake Beam Specifications and Tests.

Effective Date: 2026-10-19

Contact: Heath Bushell, Brake Systems Committee Manager, brakes@aar.com

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14858

Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, CASTING DETAILS, Specification M-211, Foundry and Product Approval Requirements for the Manufacture of Couplers, Coupler Yokes, Knuckles, Follower Blocks, and Couplers Parts, regarding AQTF updates

Date: 2026-10-22

File Number: CSTC-0.0.02.M211

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specification M-211, Foundry and Product Approval Requirements for the Manufacture of Couplers Coupler Yokes Knuckles Follower Blocks and Couplers Parts, regarding Audit Quality Task Force updates.

Effective Date: 2026-11-21

Contact: Daniel Gutscher, Senior Manager - CSTCC, cstcc@aar.com

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14859

Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S-III, COUPLER AND YOKE DETAILS, Standard S-119, Draft Gear Follower Y44A, to migrate Y46AE and add Y44A follower blocks

Date: 2026-10-22

File Number: CSTC-B-S119.01

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S-III, COUPLER AND YOKE DETAILS, Standard S-119, Draft Gear Follower Y44A, to migrate Y46AE from Section S-I, Specification M-211 and to add Y44A follower blocks.

Effective Date: 2026-11-21

Contact: Daniel Gutscher, Senior Manager - CSTCC, cstcc@aar.com

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14860

Subject: DRAFT S-9077.V1.0 ITC Logging/Recording Data Dictionary, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concepts of Operations

Date: 2026-10-23

File Number: DRAFT S-9077.V1.0

Purpose: The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee (PTCIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9077.V1.0 ITC Logging/Recording Data Dictionary for review and comment.

Effective Date: 2026-11-02

Contact: Melody Sheahan, msheahan@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14861

Subject: Registration is now open for the 39th Annual AAR Quality Assurance and Industry Conference to be held on February 9-11, 2027

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: QA 2026-10-20

Purpose: Registration is now open for the 39th Annual AAR Quality Assurance and Industry Conference.

Effective Date: 2026-10-26

Contact: Don Guillen or Mark Rusovick, QA@aar.com

Type: Informational

Circular Summary - C-14862

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 3 and 13, Painting of Hand Brake Chain

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#14

Purpose: Solicitation of comments regarding revisions to Field Manual Rules 3 and 13 related to painting of hand brake chain.

Effective Date: 2026-11-25

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14863

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 8, Correct Repair Chart Group E

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#10

Purpose: Solicitation of comments regarding revisions to Field Manual Rule 8 and Correct Repair Chart Group E.

Effective Date: 2026-11-25

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14864

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 18 and 57, Coupler Carrier Wear Plates

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: ARB 0426 NB#10

Purpose: At the April 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee, to revise Field Manual Rules 18 and 57, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-25

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14865

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 43 and 44

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#2

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Wheels, Axles, Bearings and Lubrication Committee, to revise Field Manual Rules 43 and 44, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-25

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14866

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B.F

Date: 2026-10-26

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#1

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee, to revise Field Manual Appendix B.F to add Job Codes, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-25

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14867

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16, Cracked Pin Protectors

Date: 2026-10-27

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#5

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee, to revise Field Manual Rule 16, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-26

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14868

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 48.B, Correct Repairs

Date: 2026-10-27

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#7

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee, to revise Field Manual Rule 48.B, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-26

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14869

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 66 and Rule 83

Date: 2026-10-27

File Number: CRB-2616

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee, to revise Field Manual Rules 66 and 83 to remove Why Made Code 44, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-26

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14870

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 94

Date: 2026-10-27

File Number: CRB-2410

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee, to revise Office Manual Rule 94, was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-26

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14871

Subject: AAR Safety Alert - Deteriorated Wood Floors and Wood-Lined Bulkheads on Flat Cars

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: LR 1.GEN.135

Purpose: The AAR Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) is issuing this safety alert to reinforce proper handling requirements when flat cars with wood floors or wood-lined bulkheads are identified with excessive deterioration or missing components.

Effective Date: 2026-10-28

Contact: Rama Maram, Manager - AAR Open Top Loading Rules, rama_maram@aar.com or otlr@aar.com

Type: Informational

Circular Summary - C-14872

Subject: Implementation of a new Figure 101 for loading steel sheet pile on flatcars - Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: LR 3.5.148

Purpose: The AAR Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved adding new Figure 101 for loading steel sheet pile onto flatcars to Section 2 of the OTLR manual.

Effective Date: 2026-10-28

Contact: Rama Maram, Manager - AAR Open Top Loading Rules, rama_maram@aar.com or otlr@aar.com

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14873

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 103, Joint Inspection Certificate

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: AC-2768

Purpose: A proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 103 was reviewed and approved, including updates to the Joint Inspection Certificate format and requirements.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Nichole Fimple, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14874

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 36.3

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: ARB 0426 NB#18

Purpose: At the April 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 36 was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14875

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107 Exhibit V, Additions and Betterments

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: AC-2752

Purpose: A proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107 Exhibit V was reviewed and approved, including removal and recategorization of DDCT type codes.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14876

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.G.5 & CRB Procedures Manual, Resubmitted Invoices

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: CRB-RULES-INTERP 0926 #3

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a Car Repair Billing Committee proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 112.G was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14877

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.H.3, Maximum Invoice Rejections

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: CRB-2426

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 112.H was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14878

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 122.A, Interpretations

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: AC-2771

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 122.A was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14879

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field & Office Manual Appendix A & Office Manual Rule 112.G.14, Sponsoring Railroad

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: CRB-2517

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a Car Repair Billing Committee proposal to revise Field & Office Manual Appendix A and Office Manual Rule 112.G.14 was reviewed and approved.

Effective Date: 2026-11-27

Contact: Bill Pzedpelski, billp@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14880

Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C-I, CAR CONSTRUCTION FUNDAMENTALS AND DETAILS, Standard S-252 Door Air Lines – Location of End Cocks, modernization of the Standard and renaming to Auxiliary Air Train Line

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: EEC 170.10.80

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section C-I, CAR CONSTRUCTION FUNDAMENTALS AND DETAILS, Standard S-252 Door Air Lines – Location of End Cocks.

Effective Date: 2026-10-28

Contact: Jon Hannafious, Director of Technical Standards, eec@aar.com

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14881

Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C-II Design, FABRICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CARS, M-1001, Chapter 3 Materials – Body Structure, update of Charpy V-notch requirements

Date: 2026-10-28

File Number: EEC 170.10.100

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section C-II Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Specification M-1001, Chapter 3 Materials – Body Structure.

Effective Date: 2026-10-28

Contact: Jon Hannafious, Director of Technical Standards and EEC Manager, jon_hannafious@aar.com

Type: Implementation

Circular Summary - C-14882

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 1, Required Publications and Rule 82, Welding

Date: 2026-10-29

File Number: AC-2771

Purpose: At the October 2026 meetings of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, proposals to revise Field Manual Rules 1 and 82 were reviewed and approved. Comments are being solicited on the proposed revisions.

Effective Date: 2026-11-28

Contact: Nichole Fimple, AVP, Business Services & Executive Director, Rules & Standards, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14883

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 57, Center Sills, Draft Sills, and Coupler Carriers

Date: 2026-10-29

File Number: AC-2751

Purpose: At the October 2026 meetings of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 57 was reviewed and approved. Comments are being solicited on the proposed revisions.

Effective Date: 2026-11-28

Contact: Nichole Fimple, AVP, Business Services & Executive Director, Rules & Standards, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14884

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59

Date: 2026-10-30

File Number: ARB 0423 NB#1

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59 was reviewed and approved, including revised Coupler Retention Identification figures and simplified Pocket Group charts.

Effective Date: 2026-11-29

Contact: Nichole Fimple, AVP, Business Services & Executive Director, Rules & Standards, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14885

Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C-II DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CARS, M-1001, Chapter 6 General Design and Test Requirements-Tank Cars, regarding stub sill and reinforcing pad weld requirements.

Date: 2026-10-30

File Number: EEC 170.10.102

Purpose: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for a proposed revision to MSRP Section C-II, Specification M-1001, Chapter 6 General Design and Test Requirements-Tank Cars regarding stub sill and reinforcing pad weld requirements.

Effective Date: 2026-11-29

Contact: Jon Hannafious, Director of Technical Standards and EEC Manager, eec@aar.com

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14886

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 58, Side Sills

Date: 2026-10-30

File Number: ARB 1026 NB#8

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 58 was reviewed and approved. The revision changes the scope from Side Sills to Side Assemblies, including side sills, top chords, side sheets, and side posts.

Effective Date: 2026-11-29

Contact: Nichole Fimple, AVP, Business Services & Executive Director, Rules & Standards, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation

Circular Summary - C-14887

Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 88 and Various Related Rules

Date: 2026-10-30

File Number: AC-2769

Purpose: At the October 2026 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 88 and various related rules was reviewed and approved. Comments are being solicited on the proposed revisions.

Effective Date: 2026-11-29

Contact: Nichole Fimple, AVP, Business Services & Executive Director, Rules & Standards, nfimple@aar.org

Type: Solicitation