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To the Members:

Effective April 15, 2013, AAR Circular OT-21-A, Experimental Load Cards, is canceled in its entirety. The Open Top Loading Rules Committee reviewed the circular and determined that the Open Top Loading Rules, Section 1, Part 4, Rule 35 cover Experimental Load Cards. Circular OT-21-A is no longer needed.

Please be governed accordingly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey J. Usher".



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## CIRCULAR No. OT-21-A

IN EFFECT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1973

### EXPERIMENTAL LOAD CARDS

To the Members

General Rule I(c) of the Mechanical Division Rules Governing the Loading of Commodities on Open Top Cars contains provisions substantially as follows, pertaining to Experimental Load Cards:

"Shipper, after having received authority for experimental shipments, will be furnished stickers as outlined below:

The Association of American Railroads, through the Open Top Loading Rules Committee, has authorized the application of experimental load cards to car \_\_\_\_\_"  
(Initial) (Number)

Shipper will be instructed to complete two stickers for each load prepared for rail movement and affix one to the original bill of lading with the other given to the agent of the originating carrier for affixing to the waybill covering the shipment, or in lieu thereof, at the option of the carrier, appropriate instructions to destination agent written in the body of the waybill.

In addition, shipper will be furnished waterproof envelopes (Figure 1), along with experimental load card Sheets 1, 2 and 3 of Figure I-A, as illustrated in General Rule 1 (c). Sheet 1 contains space for information to be furnished by the shipper, Sheet 2 is a form for Mechanical Inspectors to furnish information on any en route load adjustment required, and Sheet 3 is the final destination report to furnish information as to the condition of the load when delivered to consignee.

The attention of all concerned is directed to these instructions and Figures

1 and I-A of General Rule 1 (c), to insure that there will be no failure on the part of the Mechanical Department of the destination carrier to remove the waterproof envelope and the papers therein at destination, and return envelope with the information requested to the Supervisor, AAR Loading, Association of American Railroads, 1920 L Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036.

On behalf of the General Committee.

Respectfully,

Supersedes Circular No. OT-21, dated 1-1-62