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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING DAMAGED TANK CARS STENCILLED: "HOME SHOP FOR REPAIRS DO NOT LOAD"

To The Members:

The Office Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules, Damaged Or Destroyed Cars, Rule 107, C,1.c, provides that the stencil or decal indicating "HOME SHOP FOR REPAIRS DO NOT LOAD" be applied to cars that have sustained damage and the owner has authorized disposition for home/shop routing.

AAR Railway Accounting Rules, Freight Mandatory Rule 16 prescribes that all empty privately-owned cars shall move in accordance with [Form UFC 6000-M](#) (Uniform Freight Classification). In addition, the movement of an empty tank car which last contained hazardous material cannot be accomplished without having shipping instructions furnished as per Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations.

In order to ensure that tank cars that have sustained tank damage are not reloaded and create a potential hazard, it is the recommendation of the O-T General Committee that instructions be issued requiring that the notation, "Home for Repairs – Do Not Load" be placed on each waybill covering car reported as damaged by your Mechanical Departments. It is also recommended that these instructions be included in EDI data sets 404 and 417 as outlined in the EDI Rail Guidelines.

On behalf of the Safety and Operations Management Committee acting as the General Committee.

By direction of,

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