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Circular Letter

Subject: Editorial Revision to MSRP Section L, LETTERING AND MARKING OF CARS, S-920, AAR COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION (CID) BAR CODE STANDARD

To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS

File Number: TWBL- 41.1

The Section L, LETTERING AND MARKING OF CARS, S-920, AAR COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION (CID) BAR CODE STANDARD was first issued as a comment Circular Letter C-11496 on August 25, 2011. S-920 was implemented by circular C-11570 on December 13, 2011.

Subsequent to the December 13, 2011 S-920 implementation, several additional comments were received. The Wheels, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication (WABL) Committee considered these comments and have revised the S-920 Standard as attached.

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Comprehensive Equipment Performance Monitoring (CEPM) task force (sponsored by ATSI); in conjunction with the Wheels, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication (WABL) Committee are implementing the bar-coding standard to support the electronic tracking of wheel sets.

CEPM is a multi-phase, multi-year initiative to create a rail industry process and related technology tools for capturing data around railcar equipment components. CEPM will help railroads, rail equipment owners, repair and wheel shops, and other industry participants have a complete view of rail equipment health and performance. This will enable managers to make decisions that improve rail safety, lower the cost associated with equipment maintenance, and run more efficient and effective rail operations.

The new S-920 Standard is the attachment to this circular. The attachment contains pages L [S-920] 1 through 18. This addition to Section L is now implemented effective immediately and will be incorporated in the next issues of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section L, LETTERING AND MARKING OF CARS. In the interim, please insert the circular attachments in your copy of MSRP Section L and be governed accordingly.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Ken Rownd, Manager – Wheels Axles Bearings and Lubrication Committee, TTCI, P.O. Box 11130, 55500 DOT Road, Pueblo, CO 81001. Or email to ken_rownd@aar.com.

**Sincerely,
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Attachments

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