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Circular Letter

**Subject: Availability of OTLR Sections 1 and Section 7**

**To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

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This is to advise availability of the 2010 edition of the *Open Top Loading Rules - Section 1, General Rules for Loading All Commodities* and *Section 7, Rules for Loading All Commodities on Open Top Trailers and Containers for Rail Transport*. All sections of the OTLR Manual are shown on the attached order form. The manual specifies the requirements governing the loading and securement of commodities on open top rail cars, as well as open top intermodal trailers and containers to be transported on rail cars. The OTLR Manual provides listings of various AAR approved tie-down-related components, methods, and performance standards. In addition, it includes procedures for gaining AAR approval of these related items. These rules are mandatory for all shippers, loaders, load-adjustment parties and contractors, and rail carriers engaged in the movement or forwarding of open top shipments through North American rail interchange. These manuals are effective immediately and are now available.

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