



# CN OT-57 Loading Authority

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is OT-57 Loading Authority?

- ❑ Created by all railroads under the American Association Railroads (AAR) to govern the use of private rail cars with a streamlined private car registration process. Through registration all private freight cars shall be accepted into loaded revenue service and receive loading authority from CN. All assigned reporting marks need to be registered in the Railinc Private Line Contact & Storage Registry starting December 12<sup>th</sup> 2019. The current OT5 circular compliance requirements will remain effective until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### 2. What are the key benefits?

- **Optimized Fleet Utilization:** Right sized fleet create better fleet production that increase business opportunities.
- **Improved Service:** Decreased transit times and increased efficient car loadings.
- **Better Transparency:** Provides for timely disposition on idle/congesting equipment.
- **Network Safety:** Ensures only “safe to move cars” are operational.

### 3. What do I need to do?

- As per Railinc, preliminary steps can be taken now; If you're a Controlling Entity for a fleet of private marked railcars in the Loading Authority (OT-5) system, will need to be registered in FindUs.Rail as a Loading Authority (Circular OT-57) Controlling Entity contact for your company. This will allow the Controlling Entity to be selected and added to a fleet profile in the new system. Refer to the Add a FindUs.Rail Contact Quick [Guide](#).
- You are required to register all private rail cars on [Railinc's website](#) before moving onto CN lines.
- If a car is found on our lines without an OT-57 registration, CN will apply a tariff charge per car/incident.
- Upon provision of notice, rail cars found idling for an extended period or causing congestion maybe moved to the designated storage facility in the OT-57 registration. If CN has not received timely instructions



from the responsible party, CN may move the rail cars to an alternate storage location selected by CN.

#### **4. Is there anything else I need to do besides registering my cars to ship on CN lines?**

Once your cars are successfully registered, you can ship immediately on CN lines as long as the information provided in the registration is accurate with the storage location(s) remaining available for the duration of the OT-57 registration or the registration must be updated with new storage location(s) for CN's compliance requirements.

#### **5. What are the timelines?**

TIMELINE	EVENT
January 2 <sup>nd</sup> – February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020	Your billing grace period to register your fleet to be OT-57 compliant.
January 2 <sup>nd</sup> – February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020	Existing OT-5 database will be available for inquiry only.
As February 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2020 invoicing begins	Cars found on CN lines will have charges applied immediately where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cars not registered for OT-57 prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020</li></ul>

#### **6. How much are the Tariff charges?**

Fee as published in CN 9000 item 9400 is applicable for every car found operating on CN lines without an OT-57 registration.

#### **7. Which cars are subject to Tariff CN9000 Item 9400?**

All private cars without an OT-57 registration and CN is in possession of the car(s) released from customer location or received at interchange will trigger tariff charges.



## **8. Who gets charged under the tariff?**

Payer of Freight is responsible party to waybill for all private cars moving on CN lines.

## **9. What are the requirements for OT-57 Registration Compliance with CN?**

- The following information must be provided by the controlling entity (owner or Lessee).
- The car initial and number.
- A primary contact name, phone number and e-mail address. This contact shall be able to provide disposition for the car in the event that disposition is needed by a railroad.
- A secondary contact name, phone number and e-mail address. This contact shall be able to provide disposition for the car in the event that disposition is needed by a railroad. Additional contacts can be provided at the discretion of the controlling entity.
- A storage location name, Freight Station Accounting Code (FSAC), the associated Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) for the serving railroad and the consignee or care of party.

## **10. What if our company does not operate from a physical facility? (Where do we obtain storage?)**

Companies that do not operate loading facilities or own locations that can store rail cars will require external 3<sup>rd</sup> party storage to meet compliance.

## **11. Will cars shipped from multiple locations on CN require multiple registrations?**

No, from now on once a car is registered then it is eligible to load from any location on CN regardless of destination.

## **12. Can a car be on more than one registration at a time?**

A car can only be on one application in the Loading Authority (OT-57) system at a time.



**13. What is the maximum number of cars I can add to a Loading Authority registration?**

A Loading Authority (OT-57) application has a maximum limit of 50,000 pieces of equipment that can be uploaded from a CSV file or through the user interface in a single transaction.

**14. Who to contact for more information at CN regarding OT-57?**

CN OT-5 Team – Email: OT5@cn.ca

**15. Where can I find additional information?**

[Railinc's Website](#)