

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/BHARAT SARKAR
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA
RAILWAY BOARD**

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**General Manager
Integral Coach Factory
Chennai.**

Sub: Fire protection in Coaches.

Ref: (i) Railway Board Letter no 2019/M(C)/137/16 dated 22.11.2022.
(ii) Railway Board's letter No. 2021/M(C)202/1 dated 13.12.2023.
(iii) RDSO letter no MC/CB/Cushion/Upholstery dated 05.09.2023.

Fire safety in coaches has always been a mission area for Indian Railways. Regular instructions have been issued for improvement in the fire properties of various materials being used in coaches so as to enhance the fire safety.

However, in this regard, it is seen that though RDSO has revised the specification of Vinyl Coated Upholstery fabric (rexine) RDSO/2008/CG-07 with fire properties as per HL-3 level of EN45545-2 standards and advised to all PUs vide letter under reference (iii) above, ICF is yet to implement it. ICF has still not started the procurement of EN 45545 HL-3 complied material even after issue of revised specification more than a year back.

It is advised to please get above investigated and responsibility for delay in implementation of such a critical fire safety item be fixed. Further, suitable action may be taken to ensure that no delay takes place in implementation of the same.

Action taken may please be advised to Board.



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