General Managers
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Increase in the validity period of BPC of loads

Ref: (i) Board’s letter No. 2005/M(N)/951/13 dated 07/10.04.2006
(ii) Board’s letter No. 2018/M(N)/951/34Pt. dt. 31.03.2020 & 09.06.2020

Following changes in examination patterns have been decided jointly with Traffic Directorate:

a. For all loaded wagons operating in premium BPC, the existing validity period of BPC will be 12 + 8 days so as to facilitate the unloading of the rake up to 20 days without examination.

The rakes can be loaded within the 12 days period. After the lapse of 12 days, such a loaded train shall have to be placed for examination within 8 days (instead of 3 permitted currently) at the next intensive examination point. During these 8 days, it has to be ensured that the rakes are unloaded and offered for examination in empty condition and there should be no back loading without examination.

If for some reason, the rakes have not been unloaded within the grace period of 8 days, the rake shall have to be given a safe to run examination up to unloading point at the first available TXR point enroute.

b. The above arrangement is a special measure and shall be applicable up to 15.06.2021, after which the grace period shall be restored to 3 days.

c. All other examination pattern instructions shall continue to be in effect.

Necessary action may be taken accordingly on your railway. This issues with the concurrence of TT Dte. of Railway Board.

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