भारत सरकार Government of India रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways रेलवे बोर्ड (Railway Board)

No: 2024/RS(G)/779/12 (E3482675)

New Delhi, Date: 27/01/2025

The General Managers, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(C), CORE DG, RDSO/Lucknow, NAIR/ Vadodara PCAO, PLW/Patiala, COFMOW CAO, WPO/Patna, RWP/ Bela

Sub.: Process Inspection for Elastic Rail Clips (ERCs)

Ref.:

- (i) Railway Board letter No. 2022/RS(G)/779/8 dated 18/03/2024
- (ii) Railway Board letter No. 2024/RS(G)/779/12 (E3482675) dated 06/01/2025

Guidelines for the operationalization of the engagement of TPI agencies for Process Inspection were issued vide ref.(i). Considering the critical and safety nature of Elastic Rail Clips (ERCs), it was stipulated vide ref.(ii) that the inspection of ERCs shall remain outside the scope of the TPI policy and shall be conducted by RITES (non-TPI) through Process Inspection.

- 2. It is hereby clarified that the Process Inspection Order (PIO) referred to in ref. (ii) is suggestive in nature. Based on requirement of manufacturing process of ERCs, PCE of Zonal Railways is authorized to make suitable local adjustment in the process inspection order regarding lot size, for implementation of the same.
- 3. It has further been decided by Railway Board that the process inspection of ERCs shall be implemented immediately, including existing contracts.

4. This is issued with the approval of Railway Board (MI).

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