

**भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**( रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD )**

No. 2020/TC(FM)/4/2

New Delhi, Dated: 18.01.2022


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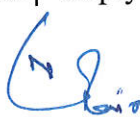
**Amendment No.3 to LSFTO MASTER CIRCULAR-2020**

**Sub: Liberalized Special Freight Train Operator Scheme (LSFTO)**  
**-Amendment to para 6.6 (i) & para 11.5**  
**Ref: FM Master Circular/LSFTO/2020 Dated 16/03/2020**

The provisions in the LSFTO Master Circular/2020 regarding migration of rakes inducted under previous (LWIS/SFTO) policies (para 6.6(i)) and charging of freight on empty rake movement (para 11.5) have been reviewed by Board, and are hereby amended as under:-

Existing provision	Proposed Modified provision
6.6 Approvals granted under the previous SFTO policy: (i) the rakes inducted prior to the issue of this policy will continue to operate under the previous SFTO policy only.	6.6 Approvals granted under the previous <b>LWIS/ SFTO</b> policy: (i) the rakes inducted prior to the issue of this policy will continue to operate under the previous <b>LWIS/SFTO</b> policy only. <b>However, the investors have an option to migrate such rakes to operate under LSFTO policy--subject to the condition that all financial dues with respect to such rakes shall be cleared by the investor and no litigation involving such rakes shall be pending in any arbitration panel/ tribunal/ court of law. The cumulative period for which the freight rebate shall be granted under both the schemes shall not exceed 20 years.</b>  <b>A Supplementary Agreement, based on the willingness of the investor to migrate to LSFTO, shall be executed between the Zonal Railway and investor/Operator, for defining the legal and financial conditions as per the LSFTO policy.</b>
11.5 No freight will be charged for movement of empty rake to the next destination provided the distance travelled by empty rake is less or equal to the distance travelled by the train before unloading. However, if the distance travelled by the empty rake is more than the loaded distance, then for additional	11.5 No freight will be charged for movement of empty rake to the next destination provided the distance traveled by empty rake is less or equal to the distance traveled by the train before unloading. However, if the distance traveled by the empty rake is more than the loaded distance, then for additional distance traveled by the empty rake over and above the loaded distance,

  
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distance travelled by the empty rake over and above the loaded distance, empty freight rate shall be charged at 50% of loaded freight of public tariff on carrying capacity of the wagons.

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**In case, more than one commodities are carried during the last loaded trip, calculation of empty freight rate shall be done taking into account the highest class of commodity carried during the last loaded trip.**

2. The above changes will be applicable with immediate effect.
3. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.
4. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

  
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