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No. 2020/TC(FM)/04/02-Part(1)(E-3329126)

Date: 16/01/2025

The General Managers All Indian Railways MD/CRIS, New Delhi

Sub: Monthly based system of calculating excess empty distance travelled over and above the loaded distance in case of SFTO/LWIS/LSFTO rakes

Ref: FM Circular No. 26/2024 issued vide letter of even no. dated 8.10.2024

In partial modification of FM Circular No. 26/2024, it has been decided to give **option** to entities registered under SFTO/LWIS/LSFTO schemes whereby freight calculation on excess empty movement of each rake will be done on (i) on trip to trip basis **or** (ii) on monthly basis. Accordingly, amendment issued vide FM Circular 26/2024 stand modified as under:-

## Existing Provision (as per FM Circular 26/2024)

No freight will be charged for the empty movement if the total loaded run of a rake during a calendar month is more than or equal to the total empty run of the rake during the same period. However, if the distance travelled by the empty rake during a calendar month is more than the loaded distance, then for additional distance traveled by the empty rake over and above the loaded distance, empty freight rate shall be charged at 50% of loaded freight of highest class commodity of transported during the month on public tariff on carrying capacity of the wagons.

For the purpose, total empty/loaded movement will be calculated on the basis of RRs generated during the said calendar month.

Note:- As per existing provisions, the minimum distance for charge shall be 100 km.

## Revised Provision

The party registered under the scheme shall have the option to get the excess empty run of each of its rake calculated on monthly basis **or** on trip to trip basis.

Case-I (Monthly Basis) - No freight will be charged for the empty movement if the total loaded run of a rake during a calendar month is more than or equal to the total empty run of the rake during the same period. However, if the distance travelled by the empty rake during a calendar month is more than the loaded distance, then for additional distance traveled by the empty rake over and above the loaded distance, empty freight rate shall be charged at 50% of loaded freight of highest class of commodity transported during the month on public tariff on carrying capacity of the wagons.

For the purpose, total empty/loaded movement will be calculated on the basis of RRs generated during the said calendar month.

Case-II (trip to trip basis) - 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, empty freight rate shall be charged at 50% of loaded freight of public tariff on carrying capacity of the wagons.

Note:- As per existing provisions, the minimum distance for charge shall be 100 km.

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- 2. The above will be a one-time option and has to be exercised by the entities registered under the schemes, at the time of induction of the rake.
- 2.1 Entities that already have their rakes inducted at the time of issue of this circular, shall exercise one-time option as mentioned above in respect of each of the rakes within 60 days of the issue of this letter, failing which, it will be deemed that the entities prefer the monthly basis over trip-to-trip basis and calculation of excess empty run shall be done accordingly. This option for the already inducted rakes shall be with prospective effect only w.e.f. from the date of issuance of the circular and no refund/waiver requests whatsoever emanating from the provisions of Monthly Debit-Credit system as per FM Circular 26/2024, shall be entertained. Nodal Railways for the already inducted rakes may communicate the same to the concerned entities, keeping in mind the maximum 60 days period, as mentioned above.
- 3. CRIS is requested to make suitable changes in FOIS under intimation to this office.
- 4. This facility shall be reviewed comprehensively after one year from the issue of this circular.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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- 8. MD/KRCL, Navi Mumbai.
- 9. All entities registered under LWIS/SFTO/LSFTO, with a request to exercise the option as mentioned in para-2 above, within 60 days of issue of this letter.

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