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Chief Commercial Manager  
WCR, Jablpur.

Sub: Release of BTPN rakes from oil sidings

Please refer to WCR’s letter NO.WCR/HQ/C/CCM/Misc./321 dt.18.07.2013 on the above mentioned subject wherein Railway has suggested for non levy of Demurrage if the oil companies release the rakes beyond 1800 Hours by taking one or two hours extra.

The matter has been examined. It is to state that release of rakes beyond 1800 Hours will not attract any Demurrage provided that it has not exceeded the prescribed free time.

Uniform working and business hours from 0600 to 2200 Hours has already been implemented at all goods and sidings vide Rates Circular No.40 of 2004. As per Rule 313 of Red Tariff, loading/unloading of petroleum products may be allowed at any hours if adequate electrical lighting as prescribed by Chief Controller of Explosives is provided at an oil siding. Thus, extant instructions do not preclude round the clock handling of petroleum products.

WCR is requested to concentrate its efforts at getting round the clock working introduced at its POL sidings.

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