Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No.TC-I/2005/201/2

Chief Commercial Manager(FS)
ECoR, Bhubaneswar.

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Sub: Demurrage Rule

Please refer to ECoR’s letter No.CCM/95/DC/Pt.-III/1245 dt.09.11.2010 wherein a clarification has been sought whether 'excess detention hours' may be rounded off for the purpose of levying Demurrage.

In terms of Rates Circular No.74 of 2005, Demurrage is leviable on 'per hour or part thereof' basis. Therefore, the question of rounding off of 'excess detention hours' is not relevant.

Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 and Board’s letter No.TC-I/94/114/1-Pt.-A dt.10.12.2008 deals with guidelines regarding incentive for extended night hours i.e. to reckon 50% of the time between 2200 to 0600 hours for calculation of free time.

Further, vide Board’s letter No.TC-I/2005/201/2 dt.27.08.2010 it has been clarified that detention hours of wagons/rakes should be calculated on actual detention basis.

It is advised that the policy guidelines as prescribed in the afore-mentioned Board’s letters may be followed scrupulously.

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