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New Delhi, dt.24.01.2024

General Manager  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Reckoning of free time for removal of consignment – (i) when rake is placed in one spur in multiple placements or (ii) when rake is placed in more than one spur**  
Ref: Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0

Reference has been received from one of the Zonal Railway seeking guidelines for reckoning of free time for removal of consignment where a rake is placed in more than one spur.

Extant guidelines for reckoning of free time for removal of consignment are prescribed vide Para 3.2 of Chapter-II of the circular under reference, as under-

*“3.2 Free time for removal of consignment from railway's premise will be reckoned after the expiry of the permitted free time for unloading of the rake, irrespective of the fact whether the unloading of rake is done in single placement or multiple placement.”*

The matter has been examined. It has been decided to revise the guidelines, as under-

*“3.2 Free time for removal of consignment from railway's premise will be reckoned after the expiry of the permitted free time for loading/unloading of the rake when loading/unloading of rake is done in single placement. However, (i) when rake is placed in one spur in multiple placements or (ii) when a rake is placed in more than one spur, following methodology will be followed-*

(i) when a rake is placed in one spur in multiple placements

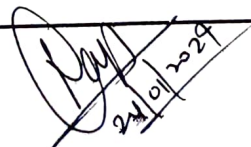
*‘Free time for removal’ will be reckoned after the expiry of prescribed free time for loading/unloading from first placement plus dies non period. Intervening periods of time between completion of loading/unloading of first part and placement of second part, time between completion of loading/unloading of second part and placement of third part and so on, will be treated as dies non. Here, free time for loading/unloading will be taken into account, rake wise/group of wagon wise, as prescribed, irrespective of number of wagons in different placements.*

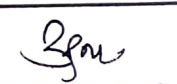
*[refer illustration A]*

(ii) when a rake is placed in more than one spur

*‘Free time for removal’ will be reckoned after the expiry of prescribed free time for loading/unloading from first placement plus dies non period. If the time interval between first placement and subsequent placements (i.e. between first placement & second placement, between first placement & third placement, and so on) is more than two hours, then such time interval of over two hours shall be treated as dies non. Here, free time for loading/unloading will be taken into account, rake wise/group of wagon wise, as prescribed, irrespective of number of wagons in different spurs.*

*[refer illustration-B]”*

  
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It is to emphasize that aforesaid methodology will be applicable for reckoning of free time for removal under Wharfage. However, all other extant guidelines including free time for removal of consignment etc. holds good.

Further, for the purpose of Demurrage, existing methodology for reckoning of free time for loading/unloading of wagons (i) when rake is placed in one spur in multiple placements and (ii) when rake is placed in more than one spur, as per paras 2.2.2 (b) and 2.2.2 (c) of Chapter-I of the circular under reference, will remain unchanged.

These guidelines will be implemented from 15.02.2024.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte and with the concurrence of Finance directorate of Railway Board.

(This disposes off CR's letter No.C/252/D/Policy dated 15.06.2023)



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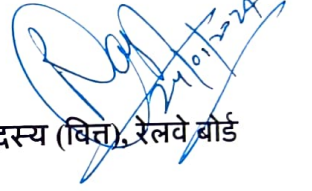
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Illustration-A**IF A RAKE IS PLACED IN ONE SPUR IN MULTIPLE PLACEMENTS**

Suppose, a loaded BCN rake is placed for unloading in one spur in multiple placements at Group-I goods shed having round the clock working

- Number of wagons in BCN rake - 41 wagons
- Prescribed Free time for unloading BCN rake - 9 hours
- Prescribed Free time for removal in case of Group-I goods shed - 12 hours
- Dies non period = time between completion of unloading of one part and placement of subsequent part

Placement	Time of placement	Time of completion of unloading	Dies non period	Time after which 'free time for removal' will be reckoned		Free time for removal
1 <sup>st</sup> part (21 wagons)	06:00 (15 March)	14:00 (15 March)	-	(06:00 + 9 hours + 30 minutes)	15:30 (15 March)	12 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> part (20 wagons)	14:30 (15 March)	21:00 (15 March)	14:30 – 14:00 = 30 minutes			

Suppose, a loaded BOXN rake is placed for unloading in one spur in multiple placements at Group-I goods shed having round the clock working

- Number of wagons in BOXN rake - 59 wagons
- Prescribed Free time for manual unloading of Open Wagon rake - 9 hours
- Prescribed Free time for removal in case of Group-I goods shed - 12 hours
- Dies non period = time between completion of unloading of one part and placement of subsequent part

Placement	Time of placement	Time of completion of unloading	Dies non period	Time after which 'free time for removal' will be reckoned		Free time for removal
1 <sup>st</sup> part (20 wagons)	05:00 (15 March)	10:00 (15 March)	-	(05:00 + 9 hours + 30 minutes + 15 minutes)	14:45 (15 March)	12 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> part (20 wagons)	10:30 (15 March)	15:30 (15 March)	10:30 – 10:00 = 30 minutes			
3 <sup>rd</sup> part (19 wagons)	15:45 (15 March)	21:30 (15 March)	15:45 – 15:30 = 15 minutes			




Illustration-B**IF A RAKE IS PLACED IN MORE THAN ONE SPUR**

Suppose, a loaded BCN rake is placed for unloading in three spurs at Group-I goods shed having round the clock working

- Number of wagons in BCN rake - 41 wagons
- Prescribed free time for unloading BCN rake - 9 hours
- Prescribed free time for removal in case of Group-I goods shed is 12 hours

Placement	Time of placement	Dies Non period	Time after which 'free time for removal' will be reckoned	Free time for removal
1 <sup>st</sup> spur (22 wagons)	06:00 (15 March)	-	06:00 + 9 hours + 5 hours = 20:00 (15 March)	12 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> spur (12 wagons)	07:00 (15 March)	(07:00 - 06:00) - 2 hours = (-) 1 hour		
3 <sup>rd</sup> spur (7 wagons)	13:00 (15 March)	(13:00 - 06:00) - 2 hours = (+) 5 hours		
		5 hours		

Suppose, a loaded BOXN rake is placed for manual unloading in three spurs at Group-I goods shed having round the clock working

- Number of wagons in BOXN Rake - 59
- Prescribed free time for manual unloading of Open wagon rake - 9 hours.
- Prescribed free time for removal in case of Group-I goods shed - 12 hours

Placement	Time of placement	Dies Non period	Time after which 'free time for removal' will be reckoned	Free time for removal
1 <sup>st</sup> spur (25 wagons)	06:00 (15 March)	-	06:00 + 9 hours + 5 hours = 20:00 (15 March)	12 hours
2 <sup>nd</sup> spur (15 wagons)	08:30 (15 March)	(08:30 - 06:00) - 2 hours = (+) ½ hour		
3 <sup>rd</sup> spur (19 wagons)	13:00 (15 March)	(13:00 - 06:00) - 2 hours = (+) 5 hours		
		5 hours		