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General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Stacking of consignment in case of inward rakes at Group-III terminals
Ref: Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0

References have been received seeking guidelines for stacking of consignment in case of inward rakes.

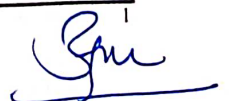
In terms of Para 7 of Chapter-II of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0, guidelines have been laid down for advance stacking at railway premises which are applicable to customers who have indented for wagons.

The matter has been examined. In addition to aforesaid guidelines, it has been decided to prescribe guidelines for stacking of consignment in case of inward rake at Group-III terminals, by inserting an additional Para 8.0 in Chapter-II of Rates Master Circular under reference, as given below-

“8.0 Stacking of consignment in case of inward rake at Group-III terminals

- 8.1 Railway may permit stacking of unloaded consignment of an inward rake at nominated Group-III Goods Sheds/CRTs.
- 8.2 Goods Sheds where adequate additional stacking space is available should be identified by the divisions (Sr.DOM or Sr.DCM) in such a way that stacking can be permitted for a prolonged period without hampering the inward/outward traffic of other rakes in the same Goods Sheds. DRM will notify detailed instructions for stacking of inward rakes in accordance with the guidelines prescribed herein. Such instructions should *inter alia* include names of stations/goods sheds/CRTs where stacking will be permitted.
- 8.3 Customer will be allowed to do stacking without levy of any charge upto permitted free time for wharfage (*viz. 72 hours at present*), which is reckoned after expiry of free time for unloading of wagons.
- 8.4 Sr.DCM, in consultation with Sr.DOM, can permit stacking of consignment upto five days (*ie.120 hours*) and DRM can permit upto seven days (*ie. 168 hours*) on joint recommendation of Sr.DCM and Sr. DOM. The upper limit of five days/seven days includes the prescribed free time (*which at present is 72 hours*). Inward stacking permission will be given on levy of “Charge for Stacking” as per the rates given below-

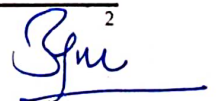




Rate of "Charge for Stacking"	Upto prescribed free time (i.e.72 hours)	Beyond free time (ie. 72 hours) upto 120 hours	Beyond 120 hours upto 168 hours
Goods shed (Group-III)	No charge	25% of normal Wharfage Charge	50% of normal Wharfage Charge
Container Rail Terminal (Group-III)	No charge	25% of normal Ground Usage Charge	50% of normal Ground Usage Charge

Note: If stacking permission is sought for more than wharfage free time, then Charge for Stacking will be levied for the period excluding wharfage free time (72 hours at present). To say, if stacking permission is sought for 4 days/5 days, then Charge for Stacking will be levied @25% of normal Wharfage Charge for 4th day/5th day. If stacking permission is sought for 6 days/7 days, then Charge for Stacking will be levied @25% of normal Wharfage Charge for 4th day/5th day and @50% of normal Wharfage Charge for 6th day/7th day, as the case may be.

- 8.5 If a customer has applied for five days or less, then such application will be decided by Sr. DCM and if a customer has applied for more than five days, then such application will be decided by DRM. A permission once granted, for whatsoever period, cannot be extended further.
- 8.6 Permission for stacking may be granted duly keeping in view the traffic pattern, number of rakes handled, availability of space, type of commodity which can be stacked, etc. Such stacking should not lead to hold up of other inward/outward traffic.
- 8.7 Freight customer, desirous of availing the facility of stacking, will have to apply in advance, i.e. before the placement of inward rake, duly furnishing details of inward rake, name of originating & destination stations, number of days for which stacking is sought while giving an undertaking that the stacking will be done at his/her own risk and responsibility. No claims for loss, damage, pilferage or any other reason arising out of stacking will be admissible.
- 8.8 Applications for stacking will be entertained on first come first serve basis. The application for stacking shall be entertained online on FBD portal for registered customer only. Permission for stacking will not be a matter of right and Railway Administration will reserve the right to deny such permission. The permission or denial shall be given in a transparent manner duly recording the reason for such permission/denial along with the name of authority.
- 8.9 Once the permission has been granted by the competent authority then a message will appear on FBD portal that in-principle approval for stacking has been granted and customer shall be asked to make the payment for stacking. "Charge for Stacking" will be deposited by the customer through online mode/e-payment mode only. Stacking can be done only after the payment of "Charge for Stacking" has been realized by the railway administration.
- 8.10 Freight customer will have to remove the consignment from railway premises within the permitted stacking period. Wharfage (in case of goods traffic)/Ground Usage Charge (in case of container traffic), shall be levied for the excess period beyond permitted stacking


period. Further, in case of failure to pay any dues, railway administration reserves the right to exercise lien on the consignment in terms of Section 83 of Railway Act 1989.

- 8.11 Charge for Stacking and Wharfage Charge levied under this scheme will not be refunded or waived except under *force majeure* condition with the personal approval of DRM.
- 8.12 Record of particulars (i.e. name of customer, duration of permitted stacking period, date & time of arrival of inward rake etc.) should be maintained in the system.
- 8.13 These guidelines will be applicable to all types of freight customers including container operators."

These guidelines will be implemented from 1st March 2024 on experimental basis for a period of one year. Zonal Railways will furnish feedback/suggestion after six month, duly indicating whether there is any complaint from customer in this regard.

CRIS/FOIS may provide requisite functionality in the system/FBD portal.

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


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