Sub: Free time for loading of rakes of coal and iron ore
Ref: Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and corrigendum thereto

Please refer to Para 2.2 of Chapter-1 Rates Master Circular under reference regarding free time for loading/unloading of wagons at railway terminals and private/assisted sidings.

In order to reduce terminal detention and to ensure maximum utilization of rolling stock, it has been decided to empower Zonal Railways to reduce permissible free time for loading of rakes of coal and/or iron-ore to 3(three) hours, as per the provisions given below-

- PCCM, in consultation with PCOM, will notify sidings/goods sheds where two or more rakes of coal and/or iron-ore are being loaded from a single line.

- For such terminals, permissible free time for mechanized loading would be 3(three) hours, irrespective of whether the siding is notified for EOL or otherwise. Zonal Railway will also notify the type of stock (BOXN, BOBR etc.), time period and any other condition to which reduced free time will be applicable.

- Two weeks’ notice will be given to such terminals before the reduced free time is made applicable. Requisite updation in CRIS/FOIS will also be ensured before its implementation.

- The afore-said provisions will remain applicable till 31.03.2018.

- Zonal Railways will furnish its feedback which should inter-alia include a comparative analysis of demurrage levied before and after the reduction in free time, for period upto 31.01.2018, by 15th February 2018 for review.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte. and with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of the Ministry of Railways.

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