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**General Managers,
All Indian Railways**

Sub : Permission to Container Train Operators(CTOs) to access
(i) Container Terminals of other CTOs
(ii) Private Sidings

Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter no. 2009/TT-III/73/9 dt 10.12.2010,
14.06.2012, 02.11.2012, 12.08.2014 & 07.06.2019.
(ii) Railway Board's letter no. 2009/TT-III/73/33 dt 04.11.2011&
8.06.2012.

- 1.0 Policy guidelines to access container terminals of other CTOs and Private Sidings were issued vide Railway Board's Circulars referred to above.
- 2.0 On the basis of feedback received from CTOs, the policy for accessing container terminals of other CTOs and private sidings is being revised superseding all the above mentioned circulars.
- 3.0 **Rules for Accessing Container Terminals of other CTOs :-**
 - 3.1 In case of container terminals set up by CTOs, owner of the container terminal can permit access to its container terminals for other co-users.
 - 3.2 There is no limit on number of co-users.
 - 3.3 There will be no need for obtaining permission from Zonal Railway for permitting co-users in a container terminal owned by a CTO.
 - 3.4 Permission obtained from Zonal Railways as per the provision of earlier circulars will be extended by this circular till further advice.
 - 3.5 It will be the responsibility of the owner of a container terminal who is granting co-user permission to provide for adequate infrastructure for handling traffic of co-users. Zonal Railways will have full authority to ask the owner to enhance infrastructure if the container terminal is not able to handle traffic. The owner of the container terminal will have to enhance the infrastructure in line with the Zonal Railway assessment.
 - 3.6 A container terminal owner can also grant permission to handle traffic in other than container trains in its container terminal. In such cases, the container terminal will need to be converted to a PFT in accordance with the relevant circulars of Freight Marketing Directorate.

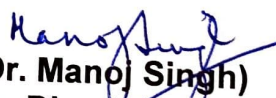
4.0 **Rules for Accessing Private Sidings by CTOs :-**

- 4.1 CTOs can access any private siding after obtaining co-user permission from the owner of the private siding in accordance with Circular No. 2016/TC(FM)/18/20/Pt dated 18.08.2020. According to this circular, co-user permission can be obtained on receipt of request from siding owner, with the approval of PCOM, subject to operational feasibility and local constraints.
- 4.2 There is no limit on number of co-users in a private siding.
- 4.3 The validity of co-user permission to a CTO from a private siding owner will be for five years.
- 4.4 CTOs are allowed to carry both inward as well as outward traffic in a private siding.
- 4.5 The restriction that CTOs can only carry traffic belonging to siding owner has been reviewed. It has been decided that CTOs are allowed to carry traffic of any 3rd party also without the need for siding owner to convert the siding to a PFT.
- 4.6 The private siding should have the necessary infrastructure to handle container trains.

5.0 **Applicable to both Container Terminals and Private Sidings.**

- 5.1 Railway Receipt for container traffic shall be issued in the name of respective container train operator who is booking cargo and paying haulage charges to Railways. However, multiple RRs in the name of more than one container operator for a single container train shall also be issued if owner of the rake offers it for the use by other CTOs, as per Board's guidelines (RB's letter No. TC-I/2016/103/1 dtd. 14.09.2018).

This is issued in consultation with Commercial Directorate.


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