

7.0 **Guidelines for advance stacking at Railway premises**

- 7.1 Advance stacking of goods at railway premises may be permitted by Zonal Railways without levy of any charge for this purpose.
- 7.2 DRMs will notify detailed instructions for advance stacking of goods at stations on their divisions in accordance with the guidelines prescribed herein. Such instructions should *inter alia* include names of stations/goods sheds where advance stacking will be permitted, number of days for which stacking can be permitted, type of commodities which can be stacked/restricted etc.
- 7.3 Permission for advance stacking will be granted to such rail users only, who have indented for the wagons.
- 7.4 Rail users desirous of availing the facility of advance stacking, will apply for advance stacking duly furnishing the details of indent and an undertaking that the stacking will be done at their own risk and responsibility. No claims for loss, damage, pilferage etc. arising out of stacking will be admissible.
- 7.5 Advance stacking will be permitted up to such maximum period as specified in the detailed instructions issued by the Division in terms of Para 7.2 above. Divisions may specify different stacking periods for different stations depending upon the number of rakes handled, but in no case the stacking period will exceed five days.
- 7.6 Sr. DCMs, in consultation with Sr. DOMs, will be authorized to grant permission for advance stacking up to a maximum period of five days. Permission for advance stacking may be granted keeping in view the traffic pattern, number of rakes handled, availability of space etc. at the station/goods shed concerned. Advance stacking should not lead to hold up of other inward and outward traffic.
- However, in exceptional cases where additional traffic and additional earning will accrue, permission may be granted for advance stacking for more than 5 days on case to case basis. Permission for advance stacking for period upto 10 days must be granted with the approval of DRM on recommendation of Sr.DCM & Sr.DOM, and for the period beyond 10 days with the approval of GM on recommendation of CCM & COM.
- (refer Corrigendum to Rates Circular No.21 of 2007)
- 7.7 Wagons will be supplied against the registered indent only after expiry of the permitted time for advance stacking or completion of stacking, whichever is earlier. After supply of wagons and expiry of free time for loading, Wharfage charge will be levied on goods/consignment which has not been removed from railway premises after the expiry of permitted free time.
- (refer Board's letter No.TC-I/2005/201/2Pt.B dt.18.11.2008)
- 7.8 Once advance stacking permission has been granted, cancellation of indents will not be permissible upto fifteen days from the 1st day of advance stacking. In case Rail User

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cancels the indent within the aforesaid period, Stacking Charge will be levied for the whole period of stacking.

- 7.9 However, if a Rail User cancels his indent after fifteen days from the 1st day of advance stacking and the wagons have not been supplied till such time, no stacking charge will be levied. In such a case, consignment should be removed within 24 hours of the cancellation of indent, else it will attract levy of Wharfage charge for period beyond 24 hours of the cancellation of indent.
- 7.10 Records of particulars (e.g. date, time etc.) should be maintained in all cases where advance stacking has been permitted.
- 7.11 No Stacking Charge will be levied till the supply of wagons, even if supply of wagons is not done immediately after completion of stacking or lapse of advance stacking period.
- 7.12 Stacking Charge will be levied at the prevailing rates of Wharfage Charge.

(Note: Illustration to Wharfage and Stacking rules is given at Annexure-C)

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