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New Delhi, dt.18.01.2024

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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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General Manager
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Sub: Guidelines regarding Advance Stacking
Ref: (i)Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its amendments
(ii) Chapter-II of Goods Tariff Part-I (Vol-I)

One of the Zonal Railways has requested to modify the guidelines regarding cancellation of indents by freight customers, after the permission has been granted for advance stacking.

The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided to modify Paras No.7.8 and 7.9 of Chapter-II of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and Chapter-II of Goods Tariff Part-I (vol-I), as given below:

Extant Guidelines	Modified Guidelines
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 cancels the indent within the aforesaid period, Stacking Charge will be levied for the whole period of stacking.	**7.8:** Once advance stacking permission has been granted, cancellation of indents will not be permissible upto fifteen days **from the time of advance stacking permission granted by the Railway Authority**. In case Rail User cancels the indent within the aforesaid period, **Wagon Registration Fee will be forfeited** and Stacking Charge will be levied **from the time of advance stacking permission till the withdrawal of indent. It is to clarify that Stacking Charge is leviable for the number of wagons as per the indent, irrespective of the fact whether physical stacking has been taken place or not.**

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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.	**7.9:** However, if a Rail user cancels his indent after fifteen days **from the time of advance stacking permission granted by the Railway Authority** 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.

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Para 15 (c) of Chapter-II of Goods Tariff Part-I (Vol-I) -

EXISTING PROVISION	REVISED PROVISION
15 **Forfeiture of Wagon Registration Fee-** Sub para (c): when a wagon indent is cancelled by the indentor within 10 days from the date of registration, irrespective of the commodity.	15 **Forfeiture of Wagon Registration Fee-** Sub para (c): when a wagon indent is cancelled by the indentor within 10 days from the date of registration, irrespective of the commodity. **Further, in case advance stacking permission has been granted, cancellation of indents will not be permissible upto fifteen days from the time of advance stacking permission granted by the Railway Authority. In case Rail User cancels the indent within the aforesaid period, Wagon Registration Fee will be forfeited.**

CRIS/FOIS will make provision for giving message about advance stacking permission to the customer through the system.

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

(*This disposes off ER's letter No.C.144/0/Vol-XX/R-I/Notification-III dt.03.02.2022*)

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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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Vigilance Directorate of Railway Board has reported an instance regarding misuse of advance stacking permission.

In this regard the extant guidelines stipulated vide Para 7.0 to Chapter-II of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 is reiterated-

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

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