

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
(RAILWAY BOARD रेलवे बोर्ड)

New Delhi, dt. 25.04.2020

No. TC-I/2019/201/2

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

- Sub: Revised guidelines regarding Demurrage, Wharfage etc**
Ref: (i) Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 and its corrigenda
(ii) Rates Master Circular/CRT-CCR-Hub&Spoke/2015/0 and its corrigenda
(iii) Rates Circular No.69 of 2009 and its corrigendum
(iv) Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/201/2 dt.27.03.2020
(v) Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/201/2 dt.14.04.2020

Please refer to Board's letter under reference(v) stipulating that under force majeure none of the following mentioned charges shall arise. This relaxation is valid upto 03.05.2020-

Name of Charge	Relevant Para	Circular
Demurrage	3.0 of Chapter-I	Rates Master
Wharfage	4.0, 5.2 of Chapter-II	Circular/Demurrage-
Stacking	7.7, 7.8, 7.12 of Chapter-II	Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0
Stabling,	6.3, 7.1, 7.2 of Chapter-I	and its corrigenda/addenda
Demurrage in case of privately/jointly owned stock		
Demurrage on parcel traffic	3.3	Rates Circular No.69 of
Wharfage on parcel traffic	2.5	2009 and its corrigendum
Detention Charge in case of container traffic	3.2.6 of Chapter-I	Rates Master Circular/CRT-CCR-Hub&Spoke/2015/0
Ground Usage Charge in case of container traffic	3.3.7, 3.4.2, 3.4.3 of Chapter-I	and its corrigenda

Demurrage, Wharfage, Stacking, Stabling, Detention and Ground Usage Charges are levied after expiry of prescribed free time to ensure smooth flow of freight traffic.

As Railway need to continue efficient transportation of essential services, it is critical to load and unload in due time, and make the stock available for next loading, the guidelines regarding free time and penalty charges have been reviewed.

The competent authority has decided that the guidelines dated 14.04.2020 shall continue to be applicable till 03.05.2020. However, in cases where undue delay in loading or unloading at particular goods sheds is causing interruption in further loading and movement, then PCOM and PCCM are hereby permitted to lift the force majeure condition, and instead may extend the free time to twice the prescribed limits as per extant policies, with approval of General Manager. In such cases, beyond free

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time thus prescribed, the charges will be levied at normal rates, this provision should be used sparingly, as required.

Further, in such cases where Zonal Railways exercise this power, it should be done with an advance notice of at least 24 hours. Zonal Railways must ensure wide publicity of these guidelines.

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

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**Director Traffic Commercial(Rates)
Railway Board**

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for **Financial Commissioner(Railways)**

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