

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

Office of the  
Chief Commercial Manager  
Bhubaneswar  
Date.17.05.2017

**Commercial Circular No.77 (G)/2017**

Sub: Hub & Spoke policy for movement of Container Trains  
Ref: Railway Board's Letter No. 2011/TT-III/73/9 Vol. II dated 16.05.17

Enclosed please find herewith Railway Board's letter No. 2011/TT-III/73/9 Vol. II dated 16.05.17 on the above subject for information and necessary action.

All concerned to note and act accordingly.

Authority: Railway Board's letter No. 2011/TT-III/73/9 Vol. II dated 16.05.17

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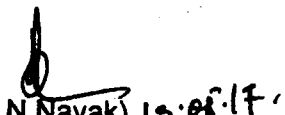
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रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways  
(रेलवे बोर्ड Railway Board)

No. 2011/TT-III/73/9 Vol. II

Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, dt: 16.05.2017

General Managers,  
All Indian Railways

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1.0 In supersession of Para (4.0) of the Railway Board Circular No. 2008/TT-III/73/8 dt 01.07.2008 and Circular No. 2012/TT-III/73/9 dated 13.03.2012 regarding movement of Container trains under Hub & Spoke system, sanction of Ministry of Railways is accorded for movement of Container Trains under Hub & Spoke system as prescribed herein under:

**2.0 Hub and Spoke system**

Operator can operate Hub and Spoke system for transportation of containers in certain regions for which the system of documentation and calculation of haulage charges would be as follows:

2.1 Hub is a container loading facility/ depot, which will be used by an operator to aggregate/ disseminate traffic. For this purpose the operator may make a request to Railway indicating the pairs of station between which he will run his container trains via this hub. Depending on operational feasibility and ensuring that this feasibility is not used by operator to get undue benefit of telescopic rate, the hub will be approved and notified to the Railway Administration by the Railway Board. No benefit may be given unless a Hub is notified by Railway Board.

2.2 The Originating point will clearly indicate on the Railway Receipt (RR) whether the container will go directly to the destination or will move via a specified hub.

2.3 The haulage charges for the loaded container will be charged from the originating point to the destination point for the entire distance of actual haulage via the specified "Hub".

2.4 For the loaded/empty container transshipped at the "Hub", a subsequent RR with "Zero" freight will be prepared for the distance from the hub to the destination, duly cross-referring the original RR and the originating point on the subsequent RR.

2.5 The RR for recovery of haulage charges will be prepared by Railway Staff posted at ICD/Port/ Railway Terminal on the basis of summary given by the operator of ICD indicating weight of consignment including the tare weight of container.

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3.0 Following is prescribed for movement of container through Hub and Spoke:

3.1 Traffic Transportation Directorate of Railway Board shall approve the location of Hub and its Spokes on the basis of

- a. Operational Feasibility.
- b. Inter-Hub distance shall not be less than 750 Kms.
- c. Distance between a Hub and its Spoke will normally be not less than 100 Kms.
- d. However, Zonal Railways (COM, CCM and FA&CAO) may relax minimum distance norm of up to 100 Kms between Hub & its Spoke except for locations in the NCR (i.e. terminals located in National Capital Region) and shall advise Railway Board (TT Dte.) regarding feasibility of movement between such Spoke-Hub for notification.
- e. CRTs (Railway Goods Sheds) and Industrial Sidings will not be notified as a hub.

4.0 An undertaking will be taken from Container Train Operators desiring to move their container through a Hub at originating station that no handling (Cargo loading / Unloading) will be done in the container moving through a hub. Any deviation would be treated as cases of deliberate mis-declaration and, therefore, invite action(s) in accordance to the provision for violation of the Concession Agreement.

5.0 This is issued with the approval of Traffic Commercial and Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

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16/05/17

(Satyendra Kumar)  
Director Traffic Transportation (POL)  
Railway Board

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- (4) Chief Operations Manager, All Indian Railways.
- (5) Chief Commercial Manager, All Indian Railways.
- (6) All Container Train Operators.
- (7) Association of Container Train Operators.

16/05/17

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