

## EAST COAST RAILWAY

Office of the  
Principal Chief Commercial Manager  
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C.S.Pur, Bhubaneswar-17  
Date: 31.12.2024

### Commercial Circular No.437(G)/2024

**Sub:** Free time for loading/unloading of Hopper wagons when supplied in place of Open Wagons.

**Ref:** Corrigendum No.42 & 45 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0 (Circulated vide PCCM/ECOR's Commercial Circular No.185(G)/2023 dtd.28.06.2023 and Commercial Circular No.377(G)/2023 dtd.28.12.2023)

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A copy of Railway Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/201/6-Part(1)(3327639) dtd.31.12.2024 (Corrigendum No.55 of Rates Master Circular /Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0) regarding 'Free time for loading/unloading of Hopper wagons when supplied in place of Open Wagons' is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

All concerned to note and act accordingly.

**Authority:** Railway Board's letter No. TC-I/2019/201/6-Part(1)(3327639) dtd.31.12.2024 (Corrigendum No.55 of Rates Master Circular /Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0)

Encl: As above (02 Pages).

( G.R. Nayak)

Asst. Commercial Manager(FS)  
For Chief Commercial Manager(FS)

No. PCCM/337/Free Time/Pt.IV

Date: 31.12.2024

All Station Managers/ Goods Supervisors/Commercial Supervisors /Siding Clerks / Booking Clerk in Charges / Weigh Bridge Clerks / Clerk in Charges / City Booking Agencies / Out Agencies.

Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

**COM:** ECoR/SER/SECR/NR/NFR/ER/SR/SCR/WR/NER/CR/SWR/NCR/NWR/WCR/ECR/KRly..SDGM/ ECoR/BBS, Chairman/RCT/BBS, Dy.CVO/ECoR/BBS, Dy.COM(FOIS)/ECoR/BBS, PO/RCT/BBS, CAO(FOIS)/NDLS, Audit officer/BBS. Rates Section /CCM/ECoR/BBS -10 sets  
**DRM:** KUR,WAT,SBP/ECoR, Sr.DOM- KUR,WAT,SBP/ECoR, CAO(FOIS), CRIS/NDLS Sr.DCM :KUR,WAT/SBP/ECoR. Dy.CCM(Claims)/E.Co.Rly, PFA :E.Co.Rly, FA & CAO(T)/ECoR/BBS Traffic Manager: VZP, Paradeep Port Trust / Paradeep. Divisional Commercial Controller : KUR, WAT & SBP.

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

No.TC-I/2019/201/6-Part(1)(3327639)

New Delhi, dt.31.12.2024

**General Manager**  
All Zonal Railways

**Sub: Free time for loading/unloading of Hopper wagons when supplied in place of Open Wagons**

Ref: Corrigendum No.42 & 45 of Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0

Please refer to Board's circulars under reference regarding free time for loading/unloading of Hopper wagons when supplied in place of Open wagons, valid upto 31.12.2024.

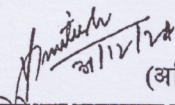
The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided that whenever a customer places an indent for Open wagons and due to non availability of Open wagons, if Hopper wagons (e.g. BOBY, BOBR, BOBS, BOBYN, BOBRN etc.) are supplied against such indent, then free time as prescribed for Open wagons will be applicable as given below, irrespective of the commodity handled. However, in case Hopper wagons are handled on hopper system, then free time as prescribed for Hopper wagons will be applicable.

Name of terminal		Permissible Free Time (hours : minutes)	
		Loading	Unloading
Seven Old Steel plants		14:00	14:00
Steel Plants other than seven old steel plants(non EOL)		12:00	08:00
Goods sheds, Private Sidings etc.(non EOL)	Mechanized	05:00	07:00
	Manual	09:00	09:00
EOL terminal		05:00	05:00

These guidelines will be effective from 01.01.2025 and will remain valid till further advice.

All other extant guidelines stands modified.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate and with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

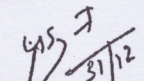
  
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2. Dy.C&AG(Rlys), Room No.222, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi

  
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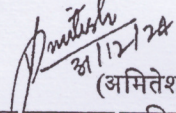


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