The Chief Mechanical Engineers  
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Providing stamps on BPC of freight trains

It is seen that a large number of CC / Premium rakes are being loaded after the prescribed period and continue running after the expiry of BPC. In this regard, it is advised that the following stamps may be provided on the BPC of CC/Premium rakes (other than container rakes) so as to make it absolutely clear to the crew as to the date till which the BPC is valid and the manner in which the grace period of +5 / +3 days for CC / Premium rakes is to be utilized:

For Premium rakes

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This BPC is valid upto ...............(mention date)
After this date NO FRESH LOADING IS PERMITTED
(3 day grace period after this date is allowed for rakes loaded upto above date)
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For CC rakes

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This BPC is valid upto ...............(mention date)
After this date NO FRESH LOADING IS PERMITTED
(5 days grace period after this date is allowed if the rake is moving towards the base depot)
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Further, some Railways have reported that the rakes turned out by them as twin pipe rakes after examination are being received back on single pipe working rakes as some or all of the FP Hoses get disconnected. In this regard, the Railways are advised to provide another stamp on the BPC of twin pipe rakes as given below:

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This rake is fitted with twin pipe air brake system
FP Pressure in Loco ..............Kg/cm²
FP Pressure in Brake Van............. Kg/cm²
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