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Sub: Examination of container trains: Rakes with expired/about to expire BPCs.
Ref: Board’s letter No.2007/M(N)/951/67 dt.20.11.2008

On the subject of examination pattern of container trains to be followed detailed guidelines were issued as a joint action plan vide Board’s letter u/r. Some of the container train operators have brought out that on some railways’ rakes, which have BPC, which is about to expire/expired at any unloading terminal has had to be returned empty to its nominated base depot for examination.

As regards handling of CC container rakes, which have invalid or about to expire BPC, instructions contained in Para 2.9 of Board’s letter u/r is to be followed in letter & spirit, which are as under:

2.9 In case the BPC of CC rake becomes invalid due to completion or near completion of 6000 km or 30 days (15 days if km are not logged on BPC) after issue of last BPC, at other than its base depot, it shall be handled in the following manner:
   a. In empty condition (containers off loaded from wagons):
      Rake shall be offered at the nearest TXR point for intensive examination, where after examination its BPC will be revalidated for a period of 7 days, with endorsement on BPC by TXR that rake is safe to run up to its base depot. During this period of 7 days, one loading/unloading shall be permitted in the direction of CC base depot. The revalidation of BPC in above manner is permitted only once and rake shall be returned back to its CC base depot within this 6 days period. Else, the rake shall lose its CC character and will become normal end-to-end rake. Re-conversion of such end-to-end rakes to CC shall be permitted only after personal approval of CME and COM of the concerned ZR.
   b. In loaded condition (containers loaded on the wagons):
      Rake shall be offered at the nearest TXR point, for safe to-run examination and endorsement on BPC by TXR that train is safe to run up to its destination. After unloading of consignment at destination, such potentially unsafe rake shall be offered at the nearest TXR point for safe to run examination and endorsement by TXR on BPC that the train is safe to run in unloaded condition up to its CC base depot. With containers loaded on wagon shall be done only in case of extreme urgency with prior approval of COM & CME of the concerned Zonal Railway.

It is advised that in all such cases, provisions contained in above referred Para be followed without fail.

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