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Sub: Commercial placement of a rake for levying Demurrage/Wharfage Charge
Ref: Para 925 of IRCM, Vol.-I and Para 1708 of IRCM, Vol-II

A clarification has been sought as regards reckoning of free time for a rake which has been placed on a line where free space is not available on adjoining platform due to non-removal of consignment unloaded from other rake.

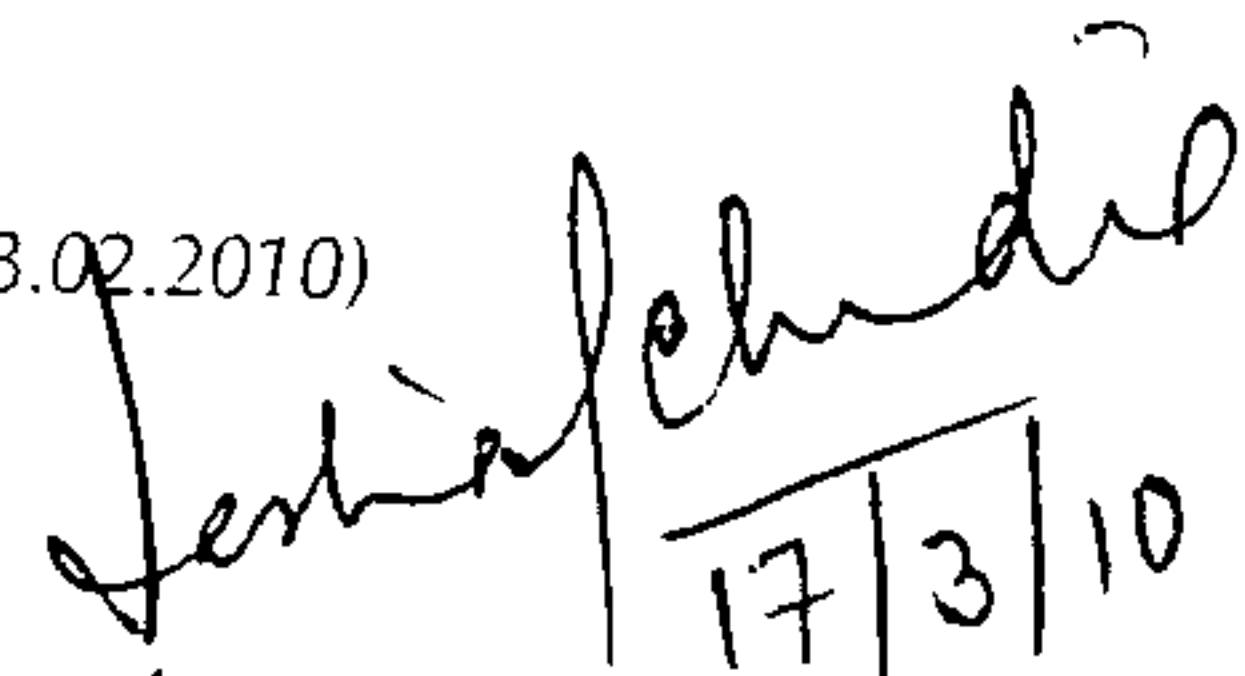
The matter has been examined and it is to clarify that commercial placement of a rake will commence from the time of its operational placement in the railway goods shed/siding irrespective of the fact that unloading/loading could not commence immediately for reason such as non availability of free space on adjoining platform, non availability of covered shed, rain etc., provided that such time of operational placement lies within the working hour of that particular railway goods shed/siding. In case the time of operational placement is beyond the notified working hour of railway goods shed/siding, the rake will be treated to have been commercially placed from the onset of next working hour.

(Illustration: Say working hour of a goods shed is 0600 - 2200 Hours. Now, if a rake is placed at 0700 Hours in the goods shed, its commercial placement will commence at 0700 hours as 0700 hour lies between 0600-2200. If a rake is operationally placed at 2300 Hours, its commercial placement will commence at 0600 Hours of the next day. Similarly, if a rake is operationally placed at 0500 Hours, its commercial placement will commence from 0600 Hours of the same day)

The reason for non-commencement of loading/unloading from the rake immediately after its commercial placement (for reasons like non-availability of wharf due to occupancy by consignment unloaded from earlier rakes etc.) would be considered at the time of granting waiver. The application of waiver, if preferred by the rail user, will be forwarded by the concerned Station Manager/Chief Goods Supervisor to the Divisional Officer giving full details of the factual position, as prescribed under rules of waiver vide Para 2.5 of Rates Circular No.39 of 2004.

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Directorate and in concurrence with Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(This disposes off CCM/NER's D.O. letter No C/104/0/Pt.-XVI/RG(Free Time) dt. 03.02.2010)


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