

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
Railway Board

No.TC-I/94/114/1-pt.A

New Delhi, dt. 10.12.2008

GM(Comml.)  
All Indian Railways

**Sub: Uniform working hours and Business hours for goods sheds and sidings -  
incentive for extended working hours and immediate removal of goods**

Ref: Board's letters No.TC-I/94/114/1-pt. dt.11.10.2004 and dt.7.4.2006 circulating  
Rates Circulars No.40 of 2004 and No.29 of 2006.

A clarification has been sought regarding application of the incentive to reckon  
50% of time as prescribed in Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004.

2. The matter has been examined and it is clarified that w.e.f.25.12.2008, the  
incentive prescribed in Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permissible only  
when normal free time prescribed for loading/unloading or removal of consignment  
from railway premise expires after 2200 hours. If normal free time expires at or  
before 2200 hours, the incentive shall not be permissible (*refer Illustrations enclosed*).  
Moreover, the incentive shall be permitted for the first night of loading/unloading or  
removal of consignment from railway premise, and not for the detention of wagons  
during subsequent nights. It is also clarified that such incentive shall be admissible in  
case of all goods sheds, and not in case of siding.

The clarification with respect to the cases pertaining prior to 25.12.2008 is  
under consideration and shall be intimated in due course.

3. This issues with the approval of Traffic Transportation Directorate and  
concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.



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For Financial Commissioner/Railways

Illustration (1) (at goods shed with round the clock working)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable
1000 Hours	0930 Hours on the next day	9 hrs. (say)	before 2200 hrs (i.e. at 1900 Hours)	No	1000 - 2200	12 hrs	12 hrs	12hrs. - 9hrs. = 3hrs.
					2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8 hrs.	8 hrs.
					0600 - 0930	3 ½ hrs.	3 ½ hrs.	3 ½ hrs.
					Total			14 ½ hrs.

Illustration (2) (at goods shed with round the clock working)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of the rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable
1400 Hours	0800 Hours on the next day	8 hrs. (say)	At 2200 Hours	No	1400 - 2200	8 hrs	8hrs.	8hrs. - 8hrs. = 0
					2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8 hrs.	8 hrs.
					0600 - 0800	2 hrs.	2 hrs.	2 hrs.
					Total			10 hrs.

Illustration (3) (at goods shed with round the clock working)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires at	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of the rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable
1500 Hours	1000 Hours on the next day	9 hrs. (say)	Beyond 2200 Hours	Yes	1500 - 2200	7 hrs	7hrs.	7hrs. - 9hrs. = - 2hrs.
					2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8/2 = 4 hrs.	4 hrs. - 2 hrs. of remaining free time = 2 hrs.
					0600 - 1000	4 hrs.	4 hrs.	4 hrs.
					Total			6 hrs.

Illustration (4) (at goods shed with round the clock working)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires at	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of the rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable
1500 Hours	1000 Hours on day after next day	9 hrs. (say)	Beyond 2200 Hours	Yes, but only for the first night of loading/unloading	1500 - 2200	7 hrs	7hrs.	7hrs. - 9hrs. = - 2hrs.
					2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8/2 = 4 hrs.	4 hrs. - 2 hrs. of remaining free time = 2 hrs.
					0600 - 2200	16 hrs.	16 hrs.	16 hrs.
					2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8 hrs.	8 hrs.
					0600 - 1000	4 hrs	4 hrs.	4 hrs.
					Total			30 hrs.



Illustration (5) (at goods shed with working hours 0600-0200 of next day)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires at	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable
1600 Hours	1000 Hours on next day	8 hrs. (say)	Beyond 2200 Hours	Yes, but only for the first night of loading/unloading	1600 - 2200	6 hrs	6 hrs.	6hrs. - 8hrs. = - 2hrs.
					2200 - 0200	4 hrs.	4/2 = 2 hrs.	2 hrs. - 2hrs. = 0
					0600 - 1000	4 hrs.	4 hrs.	4 hrs.
Total								4 hrs.

Illustration (6) (at goods shed with working hours 0600-0200 of next day)

Time of placement of rake	Time of release of the rake	Permissible free time	Free time expires at	Whether incentive as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004 is permitted?	Duration of detention of the rake	Actual duration of detention	Time to be reckoned as per Para 5 of Rates Circular No.40 of 2004	Time for which demurrage will be levied after granting incentive, if applicable			
1700 Hours	1000 Hours on day after next day	8 hrs. (say)	Beyond 2200 Hours	Yes, but only for the first night of loading/unloading	1700 - 2200	5 hrs	5 hrs.	5hrs. - 8hrs. = - 3hrs.			
								2200 - 0200	4 hrs.	4/2 = 2 hrs.	2 hrs. - 3 hrs. of remaining free time = -1 hrs.
								0600 - 2200	16 hrs.	16 hrs.	16 hrs. - 1hrs. = 15 hrs.
								2200 - 0600	8 hrs.	8 hrs.	8 hrs.
Total								4 hrs.	27 hrs.		