

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/BHARAT SARKAR
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. TC-1/2006/108/4-pt.

New Delhi 10-12-2009

Chief Commercial Managers, FA&CAOs
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Weighment of container trains.

In terms of Board's letter No. TC-1/2006/108/4 dated 13.10.06 (Rates Circular No. 86/2006), all rakes loaded at each loading point for each stream are required to be weighed at Associated Weighbridge/Alternate Associated Weighbridge. Only consignment loaded in standard bags of uniform size were exempted from mandatory weighment at the weighbridges with a provision for random surprise checks as per Board's Rates circular No. 61/2007 dated 05.06.07

Despite the existence of instructions of weighment, it has been learnt that the container trains are not being weighed at weighbridges. Such practice, if followed by any of the Zonal Railways, is not in conformity with the extant instructions.

It is hereby clarified that no specific exemption has been given to container traffic and the procedure of weighment issued vide Rates Circular No. 86/2006 is applicable for container trains also.

Zonal Railways are advised that the extant instructions to weigh container trains in the matter may be followed scrupulously.

It may be appreciated that there are not only chances of overloading in container trains but also there is scope of misdeclaration of weight thereby getting the benefit of rate of lower weight slab. Therefore, weighment particular of containers should be utilized for the purpose to check overloading as well as misdeclaration.

In case of misdeclaration, penalty will be levied as per Rule 126(1)(a) of IRCA Goods Tariff modified vide Board's letter No. TCR/2210/2006/1 dated 08.11.2006 (Rates circular No. 95/2006). In case of overloading, punitive charges for overloading may levied as per Gazette Notification dated 15.06.07.

In case of containers, haulage charges is levied per container basis where as weighment will be per wagon basis carrying one or more containers. Also it will not be possible to weigh each and every container during weighment en-route. Therefore for the purpose of calculation of penalty, the excess weight detected after weighment will be uniformly distributed on all the containers loaded on the wagon on TEU basis.

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Since CONCOR has been permitted to issue IW Bill in lieu of R.R. only till March, 2010, therefore weighment advice will be advised to originating terminal of CONCOR, to work out haulage and penalty recoverable, with a copy to Traffic Accounts and Sr. DCM of the concerned division.

Zonal Railways shall notify the weigh bridge associated with every loading points for weighment of container trains and lay down the procedure order for realization of penalty/haulage charges.

These instructions are issued in consultation with TT Dte. and with the concurrence of Finance Dte. Of Ministry of Railways.



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