GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
(RAILWAY BOARD रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. TC-I/2019/201/6

New Delhi, dt.27.07.2020

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub:	**Relaxation in free time for loading/unloading of covered wagons**
Ref:	(i)Rates Master Circular/Demurrage-Wharfage-Waiver/2016/0
	(ii)Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/201/2 dt.15.05.2020 & 09.06.2020

Please refer to Rates Master Circular under reference (i) stipulating guidelines for free time for loading/unloading of wagons.

Reference has been received from freight customers requesting for relaxation in the guidelines for covered wagons due to lack of availability of labourers during covid pandemic.

The matter has been examined and competent authority has decided to empower Zonal Railway to relax the guidelines in case of covered stock.

In case of covered stock (BCN, BCNHL etc), Zonal Railway (PCCM in consultation with PCOM) may modify free time for loading/unloading of wagons upto the maximum of double of the prescribed free time, and/or not levy Demurrage and/or Wharfage for a specified time period for specific terminals under their jurisdiction accordingly to the local conditions/constraints related to pandemic covid. Zonal Railway shall get the same implemented in TMS at least 48 hours prior notice. This may be valid upto the end of lean period i.e.30.09.2020. Post which, normal guidelines will be applicable.

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

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