

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR LETTER No. 233 of 2018
(Draft Notification for TRC No.10 of 2018)
(GOODS)

Sub: Hiring cum Haulage Charges for Test Wagons

Ref: i) Railway Board's letter No.TCR/2205/96/Pt.II Dated 02-05-2008 and its Addendum thereon.

ii) This office Commercial Circular No. 229 of 2018 dated 15.10.2018.

Authority: Board's RC.No.17 of 2018 issued vide letter No.TCR/2205/96/Pt.II dated. 12-10-2018

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As per extant guidelines, Test wagon hire-cum-haulage charges are to be levied whenever Railways owned test wagons are demanded on hire by private parties to examine accuracy of their weighbridges.

In terms of Board's letter of even number dated 02-05-2008 (Rates Circular No.22 of 2008) and dated 17-01-2012 (Rates Circular No.3 of 2012), present charges for test wagons are equivalent to the prevailing rate of the haulage charges for empty wagons on private account, when hauled by special train i.e Rs.1708/- per kilometer subject to a minimum of Rs.1, 70,800/- per train for all gauges. Distance for charge is to be reckoned as per guidelines laid down vide addendum to Rates Circular- 01/2010 dated 02-03-2010.

The Matter has been reviewed in Board's office. In supersession of the above referred Rates Circulars/letters it is decided that whenever Railways owned test wagons are demanded on hire by private parties to examine accuracy of their weighbridges, test wagon charges shall be levied.

Accordingly, this office has issued a **commercial circular vide 229 of 2018 dated 15.10.18. However, the same is hereby withdrawn.** The following fresh guidelines are issued.

- i. A uniform rate equivalent to the prevailing rate of the haulage charges for empty wagons on private account, when hauled by special train shall be charged i.e., Rs.1708/- per kilometer. The uniform distance of charge being 100 KMs, the total freight amount for each special train will work out to Rs. 1,70,800 at the present haulage charge rates for all gauges irrespective of number of test wagons. Any amendment in future in haulage charges of empty wagons on private account, when hauled by special train, shall become applicable for hiring cum haulage charges for test wagons also.
- ii. A uniform distance of 100 km per weighbridge shall be reckoned for all gauges whenever Railway's owned test wagons are demanded on hire by private parties to examine accuracy of their weighbridges. In other words, the movement of test wagons from stationed point/base depot to weighbridge location shall be charged for 100 KMs irrespective of actual distance travelled. The uniform distance of 100 KMs will cover both movement from base depot/other location to the siding and movement from siding and back to base depot/other location.
- iii. In case, where there are more than one EIMWB in a particular Siding/PFT/Container Terminal, the distance for charges for first weighbridge will be calculated as per Para (ii) above. For all the subsequent weighbridges (for each additional EIMWB in the siding), the minimum distance of 100 KMs

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is applicable at the rate of Rs.1708/- per kilometer, which works out to Rs. 1,70,800/- for each weighbridge. For example, in a particular siding, if there are three weighbridges and if calibration is done for all three weighbridges, the amount of Rs.1,70,800/- will be charged three times (total will be Rs.5,12,400/-).

- iv. Free time of five hours shall be allowed for the purpose of testing after arrival of the test wagon at the siding where weighbridge is located and normal demurrage charges shall be levied for detention at the siding after five hours.
- v. No demurrage charge shall be levied after release of test wagons by the customer irrespective of actual dispatch time.
- vi. All rules regarding demurrage charges pertaining to waiver/write off as well as refund shall be applicable.
- vii. The actual time of shunting with railway engine will be reckoned and shunting charges shall be levied for shunting of the test wagon, if it is done by a railway engine at the siding where weighbridge is located.
- viii. Wagon hire charges are under revision and shall be notified separately.
- ix. Irrespective of number of test wagons in the consist, it will be treated as a special train and charged accordingly.
- x. These instructions shall come into force from 00.00 hours of 16.10.2018 and shall remain effective till further advice.

Staff in the field units should read the instructions carefully and understand the same thoroughly. Thereafter, the instructions should be implemented. In case of any doubts, a letter may be addressed to the respective Sr DCMs with a copy to PCCM's office.

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