Public Works (~~190~~ 1897) Department.

RAILWAYS.

G.O., No. 374 R

DATED 26-5-~~190~~ 1897.

Includes 976 R 17-11-96
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Revised Rules for the carriage of matches by Railway Forwarding to the Government of India copy of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, Madras re the —

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[*General Distribution.*]

Circular No. 4 Railway.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Simla, the 29th July 1896.

Rules relating to the packing and testing of cylinders or flasks containing liquefied carbonic acid gas.

Read—

Letter from the Director General of Railways, No. 281-T., dated 3rd July 1895.

Letters from the Secretary, Public Works Department, India Office, No. P. W. 1658, dated 1st November 1895, and P. W. 422, dated 27th March 1896, enclosing reports by the Board of Trade and by the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State, to consider the question of the conveyance by railway of compressed gas in cylinders.

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 46, Railway, dated the 9th June 1896.

OBSERVATIONS.—Liquid carbonic acid gas has been excluded from the item " gas, compressed " in the list of goods declared dangerous in rule 14 of Part II, of the open line general rules of 1895, provided the gas is secured " in wrought iron cylinders or solid drawn steel flasks without seam or join, certified by competent authority to withstand a pressure of 250 atmospheres (3,750 lbs.)"

2. Owing to the bursting of a cylinder while being transhipped at the Amritsar Station on the North Western railway, the question of issuing revised directions in regard to the packing and testing of cylinders and flasks containing liquefied carbonic acid gas has been under careful consideration, and the set of rules accompanying this circular has been drawn up.

These rules have not been finally decided upon as certain points are still under reference to the Secretary of State, but as they have been formulated under the advice of experts in consultation with those engaged in the trade it is improbable that they will undergo any very appreciable modification and in order to avert the recurrence of an accident similar to that which occurred at Amritsar, the Government of India consider it essential, in the interests of the trade as well as for the safety of the public, that some clearly defined precautions should be adopted without further loss of time.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor-General in Council is accordingly pleased to sanction provisionally with effect from 1st January 1897 the accompanying rules for adoption on open lines of all railways directly administered by Government and desires that the administrations of other railways may also be moved to adopt the rules.

ORDER.—Ordered that the circular and the accompanying rules be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations and to the officers noted in the margin for information and guidance; also to the Governments of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and the Punjab, the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, the Agents to the Governor General for Central India and Baluchistan, and to the Accountant-General, Public Works Department, for information.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal.
The Chief Commissioners of Burma and Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agent to the Governor General for Rajputana.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow, and Assam.

By order,

G. A. ANDERSON,
Offg. Under Secretary.

Document accompanying.

Rules to regulate the carriage by rail in India, of liquefied compressed carbonic acid gas in wrought iron cylinders or solid drawn steel flasks.

G. C. Press, Simla.—No. 935 P. W. D.—5-8-96.—918.

Enclosure to Government of India, Circular No. 4 Railway, dated 29th July 1896.

Rules to regulate the carriage by rail in India of liquefied compressed carbonic acid gas in wrought iron cylinders or solid drawn steel flasks—

(*a*) The cylinders or flasks used should be capable of enduring a test pressure of 3,750 lbs. per square inch without deformation, and should be re-annealed and re-tested after annealing every two years. By deformation it is to be understood that no sudden stretch occurs under testing in a water-jacket furnished with a gauge glass, and that the total external bulk of the cylinder or flask is not increased after test by more than 1 per cent.

(*b*) The valve should be protected by an outer metal cap screwed on to the head of the cylinder or flask.

(*c*) The cylinders or flasks should either be packed in separate boxes or be completely cased in a fibrous covering not less than half an inch thick.

(*d*) The amount of gas to be filled in each cylinder or flask should not exceed two-thirds by weight of its water capacity.

(*e*) The date, the letter "A. and R. T. 3,750 lbs.," and a mark indicating the firm and individual responsible for such annealing and re-testing are to be stamped on the neck or shoulder of each cylinder or flask in order to indicate the date of re-testing and re-annealing.

(*f*) No consignment of compressed gas in cylinders or flasks should be accepted for carriage by rail unless the consignor has given a written declaration that the above rules have been complied with.

(*g*) The Railway Administration should take every precaution against exposing the cylinders or flasks when charged with gas to excessive heat, either in wagons, or by exposure to the direct rays of the sun.

Telephone message.

SERIAL
No. 12

From
Am.

To
E.R.

Government of Indi Circular No: 535 R.T., 14th July last, appendix A of Rule 3 prescribing 1", for thickness of cases containing matches inflic severe hardship and great public inconvenience. Merch received insufficient notice. Trade at stand still. Kindl ask Govt of India to suspend above conditio for 6 months and allow carriage by rail of cases $\frac{3}{4}$ thick until traders can arrange to adopt 1." No danger apprehended in conveyance. Matter urgen

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

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SERIAL
No. 13

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 22nd October 1896

From

The Ag: *Agent and Manager.*
M. R. C

Repeat to India
23/10

To

The *Consulting Engineer for Railways.*
Madras

SIR,

I have the honour to confirm my telephone message of to-day's date as quoted below:—

"Government of India Circular No. 535 R.T. 14th July "last. Appendix A of Rule III prescribing one inch "for thickness of cases containing matches inflicts "severe hardship and great public inconvenience; "merchants received insufficient notice; trade at "standstill. Kindly ask Government of India to "suspend above condition for six months and "allow carriage by rail of cases three-fourths "inch thick until traders can arrange to adopt "one inch. No danger apprehended in conveyance, "matter urgent"

In connection with this subject, I enclose copy of a letter from the Traffic Manager No. O $\frac{7910}{28239}$ dated 21st instant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Henry C. Walsh
Ag: Agent & Manager.

(1 Enclo:)

C. No. 4634
Recd. 23/10/96

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager.

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated 188
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No.

SERIAL
No. 13/1

Madras Railway Company,
Traffic Manager's Office,
Central Station, Madras 21st October 1896

O 7910/28239

The Ag Agent and Manager.
Royapuram.

Dear Sir,

General Rules.
Conveyance of matches by rail.
Your No. 8570/7564 of 4th August 1896.

Government of India Circular No. 535 R. T. of 14th July 1896 received with G. O. No. 645 R of 29th idem, lays down that the outer wooden cases used for the carriage of matches shall, when the gross weight of the case with contents exceeds 2 1/2 maunds, be 1 inch thick throughout. To comply with this condition we have been compelled practically to refuse all the matches which have been tendered to us for despatch since the order was issued, as all the cases of matches now in the market are of a uniform size and weigh about 3 cwt. 1 qr., and the case is only 3/4" thick.

2. The trade has come practically to a stand still in consequence of this order, and I have during the last few days received a great many complaints from merchants, both European and native, on the subject. If the rule is a necessary one, it would seem only fair to give 6 or 12 months' notice to the merchants, to enable

them

them to make the necessary arrangements with their correspondents in Europe. I am not aware that there is any real danger in accepting cases of the weight specified packed in a 3/4" outer casing.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg to suggest that the Government of India be referred to, and asked either to amend the condition so as to allow 3/4" thick outer cases, or to suspend this condition for 6 months so as to enable the traders to make the necessary arrangements. The matter is an urgent one, as the trade is practically at a stand still and great public inconvenience will, I understand, shortly be felt in all up-country towns; and it would seem advisable, therefore, to address the Government of India by telegraph.

Yours faithfully
Sd. D. Ross. Johnson
Ag Traffic Manager.

(True copy)

Ag Agent & Manager.

1,000—5-3-96.
Form No. 20.

TELEGRAM

~~Urgent~~
~~Ordinary~~
Deferred
No. 144

From E.R. To Works
Simla

No. 16. B.

Applauding (Your letter numbered & dated as follows) 535 R.T. Accusable (14 July last) Appendix A Rule III rule prescribing Agent Matronus (Madras Ry) reports, one inch thickness for cases containing matches inflicts severe hardship & great public inconvenience. merchants received insufficient notice, trade at standstill. Agent asks to suspend above condition for six months and allow carriage by rail of cases three fourths inch thick until traders can arrange to adopt one inch. No danger apprehended in conveyance. Please wire sanction matter urgent. — 23/10

Despatched on 23.10.96

Public Works (1896) Department.

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CURRENT No. [illegible]

SERIAL No. 15 16

Order No 3392 d/ 26-10-96

Copy, with copy of R's telegram No. 16 B d/ 23rd Octr 96, forwarded to A. M. with reference to his letter No. 6580/939 d/ 22nd Octr 1896. —

26/10
for E.R.

Despatched on 26/10/96.

No 3527 d/ 7/11/96.

Copy, with copy of R's telegram No. 16 B d/ 23rd Octr 1896, forwarded to A for information & guidance. —

7/11
for E.R.

Despatched on 8/11/96

From The Government of India
P. W. Department
Simla

Tel No. 837 R.T.

Dated 24th
Received 26th } October 1896.
Enclosures —
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SUBJECT.

Matches.

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Stating that ~~the~~ — may be carried under old conditions for next six months.

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1,000—4-9-96.

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To (Person)				From (Person) Works.		

Works Railway

837 R.T. your telegram 16 R.B. 23 instant matches may be carried under old conditions for next six months.

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MADRAS 24-10-98

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Public Works (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 9857

Order

E.R.

Please say if we may reply in terms of T. M's letter No. C $\frac{7910}{28239}$ d/ 21.10.96 (Flag 5/)

Yes 11/11 3/11

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From The Govt. of India

No. 846 R.T.

Dated 28. 10. 96

Received 2. 11. 96.

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Matches

Enquiring in what respect the boxes of imported —— tendered for carriage on the M. Ry. do not comply with the rules laid down for packing such boxes.

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No. 17

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 846 R.T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Simla, the 28th October 1896.

Sir,

In continuation of Government of India telegram No. 837 R.T., dated the 24th October 1896, I am directed to enquire in what respect the boxes of imported matches tendered for carriage on the Madras Railway do not comply with the rules laid down for packing such boxes, as modified by Government of India Resolution No. 535 R.T., dated the 14th July 1896.

2. I am to add that the rules in question were revised to suit the case of boxes actually used in importing matches viâ Calcutta.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

G A Anderson

Offg: Under Secretary.

Document accompanying:-
Nil.

J.B.M.

ERS.

Date.

R. Form No. 14.

No. 976 R

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

The Secy: to the Govt. of India
P. W. Deptt.
Calcutta

Madras the 17th Novr. 1896.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 846 R.T. of 28th October 1896, enquiring in what respect the boxes of imported matches tendered for carriage on the Madras Railway do not comply with the rules laid down in Govt. of India Resolution No. 535 R.T. of 14th July 1896, I am directed to state that all the cases of matches now in the market-

market as of a uniform size & weight about 3 cwt. 1 qr. They ~~& the case~~ is only 3/4" thick. Several complaints against the Govt. of India policy were received by the Railway Company from ~~merchants~~ both European & native merchants & to enable them to make the necessary arrangements with their agents in Europe the suspension of the condition in regard to the thickness of the cases was requested for a period of six months.

The Agent reports that there is no real danger in accepting cases of this thickness

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Documents accompanying.

17.11.96

SERIAL No. 22

Public Works (1896) Department.

C Sec. 4/12

CURRENT No. 10440

No. 4312 C d/ 21-11-96

Order

Copy forwarded to Krody Lall in continuation of P. W. D Endorsement No. 3954 C of 7th November 1896.

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To

Krody Lall
Samudra Mudali Street
Sowcarpett
Madras

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From

The Govt. of India

No. 2853 G

Dated 11-11-96

Received 17.11.96

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Matches

Requesting that Mr. Krody Lall may be informed in reply to his petition received direct that the Govt. of India have suspended the new rules re: the carriage of — for six months.

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No 2853 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
Madras
Public Works Dept.

Simla 11th Nov '96.

Sir

I am directed to request that Mr. Krŏdy Lall, Trader in Matches Madras, in reply to his memorial dated October 1896 addressed to the Government of India praying that the operations of the rules regarding the carriage of matches as issued in Government of India Resolution No. 535 R.T. dated 14th July 1896, may be deferred till the expiration of his present contract with suppliers, may be informed that the Govt. of India

+ address
Sooncedra Moodeley Street
Sowcarpett
Madras

have

suspended the above Rules for six months.
He will by this means be enabled to arrange with suppliers.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedt. servant
G H W Walker
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SERIAL No. 22

Petition from Krody Lall, Samudra Mudelly Street, Sowcarpett, Madras dated 27th October 1896, praying that orders may be issued to the Railway authorities to despatch cases containing matches as hitherto, until the expiration of his present contract.

SERIAL No. 18

Endt. No. 3832 C., dated 2nd November 1896.

Transferred to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for disposal.

(Signed) D   Campbell Col. R.E.,
Secy. to Government.

SERIAL No. 19

Endt. by the Joint Secretary to Govt. P. W. D. Railway Branch, dated 7th November 1896, No. 3954 C.

The petitioner is informed that, on a representation from the Madras Railway of the inconvenience to trade caused by the introduction of the new rules with regard to the packing of matches, the Government of India has been pleased to permit the carriage of matches under old conditions for the next six months.

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Letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 2853 G., dated 11th November 1896.

I am directed to request that Mr. Krody Lall, Trader in Matches Madras, in reply to his Memorial dated October 1896 addressed to the Government of India praying that the operations of the rules regarding the carriage of matches as issued in Government of India Resolution No. 535 R. T., dated 14th July 1896, may be deferred till the expiration of his present contract with suppliers, may be informed that the Government of India have suspended the above rules for six months.

He will by this means be enabled to arrange with suppliers.

Endt. by the Offg. Joint Secy. to Government, P. W. D. Railway Branch No. 4312 C., dated 21st November 1896.

Copy forwarded to Krody Lall in continuation of P. W. D. Endt. No. 3954 C., dated 7th November 1896.

Public Works (1897) Department.

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B/c

Order No. 178. R dated 18/3/97

Communicated to the Agents Madras & S. I. Railways for favour of their views & to the Chairman Chamber of Commerce Madras for favour of any remarks he may wish to offer thereon.

2. Para 2 will also be communicated to the Agents Madras & S. I. Railways & to the Madras Trades Association.

17/3/97

From The Govt of India

No. 227 R. T.

Dated 8. 3. 97

Received 16. 3. 97

Enclosures one

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SUBJECT.

Rules for the carriage of matches by Railways

Requesting to be furnished with the views of the Madras & S. I. Rys in connection with the revised ——

To

1. The Agent Madras Ry (11 S.C ~~with 11 S.C~~
2. Agent S. I. Ry (10 S.C
3. Chairman, Chamber of Commerce Madras (2) S.C
4. Secretary Madras Trades Association (2) S.C

Despatched on 19-3-97

Reminder

A has been reminded in No 1366/14-4-97

B. 17/3/97

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No. 2

[Enclosures to the Government of India No. 227 R. T., dated the 8th March 1897.]

No. 2 T., dated 5th January 1897.

From—The Director General of Railways,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept.

With reference to Government of India memorandum No. 927 R. T., dated the 5th December 1896, forwarding, for any remarks that I may have to offer, a copy of a letter from the Government of Madras, reporting in what respects boxes of imported matches tendered for carriage on the Madras railway do not comply with the rules laid down in Government of India resolution No. 535 R. T., dated 14th July 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith the marginally noted letters from the Manager, North Western railway, giving particulars of cases of matches imported *viâ* Kurrachee and Bombay; and to make the following remarks.

Manager, North Western railway's No. 1064 D. G. R., dated 29th October 1896.
Manager, North Western railway's No. 1196 D. G. R., dated 5th December 1896, and enclosure.

2. I am of opinion that, as regards matches carried in cases which are not tin-lined, no departure from the rules should be permitted; but that the time for the introduction of the rules might be postponed.

3. In regard to matches carried in tin-lined cases, boxes up to 4 maunds might be accepted provided the tin cases are covered throughout with ½″ planking. Boxes above 4 maunds in weight should be covered with 1″ planking throughout.

4. I consider that with, say, 12 months' notice of their introduction, the trade should have no difficulty in complying with these rules which, in a hot, dusty country like India, are necessary in the interests of the public.

No. 1064 D. G. R., dated 29th October 1896.

From—The Offg. Manager, North Western Railway,
To—The Director General of Railways.

In reply to your letter No. 478 T., dated 19th September 1896, I have the honour to state that the tin-lined cases in which matches are at present imported into Kurrachee weigh from 3 maunds 30 seers to 4 maunds, and the thickness of planking is only ½″ throughout, while the cases have no battens.

2. It has also been ascertained from the General Traffic Manager, Great Indian Peninsula railway, Bombay, that cases imported at Bombay all exceed 2½ maunds and are packed in tin-lined cases ¾″ thick throughout.

No. 1196 D. G. R., dated 5th December 1896.

From—The Offg. Manager, North Western Railway,
To—The Director General of Railways.

In continuation of my letter No. 1064, dated 29th October 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter* from the General Traffic Manager, Great Indian Peninsula railway, to the Traffic Superintendent, North Western railway, stating that his Company does not intend to adopt the rules laid down in the Government of India, Public Works Department, resolution No. 535 R. T., dated 14th July 1896, on the Great Indian Peninsula railway as their adoption would very seriously hamper the trade.

*No. 26245, dated 3rd November 1896.

No. 26245, dated 3rd November 1896.

From—The General Traffic Manager, Great Indian Peninsula Railway,
To—The Traffic Superintendent, North Western Railway.

Packing of matches.

Your No. 285 A., dated 31st September 1896.

I have had enquiry made into this subject, and I find that the planks of cases of matches imported from Europe are of equal thickness, *viz.*, ⅞″; that each case is tin-lined; contains 50 gross, and weighs from 2½ to 3 maunds 28 seers, according to the thickness of the matches, and measures 3′ × 2′ ½″ × 2′ ½″ and 2′ 9″ × 2′ 6″ × 2′ 3″.

Matches imported from Japan are in tin-lined cases, planks of ½″ thickness, and each case contains 50 gross of boxes of matches and usually weighs 2½ maunds to 3 maunds 8 seers. They measure 3′ ½″ × 3′ × 3′ and 3′ 4″ × 2′ 8″ × 2′ 1″.

We have not been asked to adopt the rules laid down in Government of India resolution No 535 R. T., and we do not intend to do so, as it is clear from our enquiries that their adoption would very seriously hamper the trade.

Will you be good enough to let me know at your early convenience if we are to decline to receive for despatch to your stations matches not packed in accordance with these rules.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 1504 P. W. D.—11 3-97.—484.-T. C. S.

To
The Principal Secy to the Govt of Madras
Public Works Department
Railway Branch

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No. 9654.
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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Madras, 3rd April 1897

From

The Ag: Agent and Manager.
M. R. Co:

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No 178 R, dated 18th March 1897 I have the honor to inform you that the conditions imposed for the present for the carriage of matches, namely that imported matches may be carried in the cases in which they are imported provided that these are tin-lined, the rules regarding the size of the planks being held in abeyance for a period of 12 months, will I understand, suit the Madras trade.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
for Ag: Agent & Manager.

Enc/nil.

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

From
The Agent and Manager,

To
The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated

Recd.

No. 188

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3735

Order

From
The Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Madras

No. -

Dated 9th April 1897
Received 13.4.97
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SUBJECT.

Revision of rules for the carriage of matches by railway.

Informing that the Chamber has no remarks to offer in the matter re: —

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SERIAL No. 26

The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

Madras, 9th April 189

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FROM

A. E. Lawson Esqre

SECRETARY, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MADRAS.

To

The Joint Secretary to Govt.

P. W. D (Railway Branch

Madras

Sir,

With reference to the G. O. No. 178, dated the 10th ultimo, and its enclosures referring to the proposed revision of rules for the carriage of matches by Railway, I am desired to inform you that the Chamber has no remarks to offer in ~~the~~ matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

A E Lawson

Secretary

SERIAL
No. 27

Extract from the
Madras Mail of
3rd May 1897

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF RAILWAYS has suggested an alteration in the rule affecting the carriage of matches on Railways in India, and has asked the Government of India to obtain the views of the various Railway Administrations and Chambers of Commerce in this country with the object of securing the safer packing of matches for transit through India. The suggestion is that with regard to matches carried in tin-lined cases, boxes up to four maunds might be accepted provided the tin cases are covered throughout with ½ inch planking, but that boxes above 4 maunds in weight should be covered with 1 inch planking throughout.

RK

Please put in a case

VL
14/5/97

SERIAL No. 28

No. 492

South Indian Railway Co., Ld.
AGENT'S OFFICE,
Trichinopoly, 6th May 1897.

From
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

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With reference to Government of India letter No. 227 R.T., dated 8th of March 1897, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the proposals made by the Director-General of Railways with reference to the conveyance of matches reasonable and see no objection to their being adopted when sufficient public notice has been given.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A. W. G. Shelley
Captn. R.E.,
Agent

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7/5/97

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No. 339. R

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B/

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
P. W. Department.
Simla

~~Ootacamund, the 13th May~~ 1897.

Sir,

with reference to Govt of India letter No. 227 R.T. dated the 8th March 1897, I am directed to state that the Agents Madras and S. I. Rys consider the revised rules proposed for the carriage of matches by railway, to be suitable to the Madras trade. The Chamber of Commerce, Madras, has no remarks to offer in the matter.

H.S. 10/5/97

Documents accomp:-
Nil

Despatched on 13/5/97

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From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.

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No. 339 R. Dated 13/5/97.

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No. 30

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4909

374 R

Order

E.M.

Govt. of India (in Serial No. 23/7) suggested revised rules for consideration which were accepted by AM, A, and C of C. The latter now propose a further modification. Their letter may be forwarded for favourable consideration. There is no urgency as the ~~rules~~ present rules are to be held in abeyance for a year from March 1897

THF 21/5/97

Forward with a recommendation that for the reasons given the proposed modification may be approved.

FUS
21/5/97

From

The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce

No.

Dated 17. 5. 97

Received 18. 5. 97

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SUBJECT.

Revision of the rules for the carriage of matches by railway

Suggesting certain modifi-cations in the ———

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Revision of the rules for the carriage of matches by Railway.

The Madras Chamber of Commerce,
Madras, 17th May 1897.

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FROM The Hon'ble Mr. G. G. Arbuthnot,
CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
MADRAS.

TO The Joint Secretary to Government
P. W. D. (Ry Branch)
Madras.

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Sir,

In my letter of the 9th ultimo, I informed you that the Chamber had no remarks to offer on the subject of the proposed revision of the rules for the carriage of matches by railway, but since the despatch of that letter the Chamber has received information which induces it to address you again.

The proposal of the Government of India is that boxes up to 4 maunds

maunds in weight should be accepted for carriage by railway provided the matches are enclosed in tin-lined cases, covered throughout with half inch planking, and that boxes above 4 maunds in weight should be covered with one inch planking throughout.

The Chamber is informed that what is known in the trade as one inch wood is in reality one inch wood less the thickness of the saw used for cutting it, say, $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch, and that the manufacturers of these boxes state that it would not pay them to alter their machinery in order to meet the proposed requirements of the Government of India. The Chamber has the

honour

honour, therefore, to suggest that the rule should be so modified as to permit the carriage of matches in tin-lined cases above 4 maunds in weight, if covered with $\frac{7}{8}$ inch board, which would, it thinks, satisfy the requirements of the manufacturers, the trade and the Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t Servant,

Geo. G. Arbuthnot

Chairman.

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Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.

To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
P. W. DEPARTMENT.
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Ootacamund, the 26th May 1897.

SIR,

With reference to my letter No. 339 R of 13th May 1897, in which the Govt: of India was informed that the Chamber of Commerce Madras had no remarks to offer in connection with the revised rules for the carriage of matches by railway, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dd. 17 May 1897, from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras, requesting that the thickness of the wooden cases ~~for the carriage~~ above 4 maunds in weight may

may be reduced from one inch to $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch & I am to recommend that for the reasons given therein the proposed modification may be approved.—

22/5/97

Documents accompanying:
Chaprasani letter
referred to

Despatched on 26.5.97

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No. 374.R. dated 26.5.97.