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[Despatch Abstract.]

*General Rules of 1895 for working
Open lines of Railway*

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Modification of Rule III, Appendix A.

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OBSERVATIONS.—In rule III, clauses 7(1) and 7(2), of Appendix A to the open line General Rules of 1895 regarding the carriage of dangerous goods other than explosives, it was laid down that goods marked C in rule 14, Part II, which are not explosives to which the rules for the time being in force under the Indian Explosives Act, 1884, apply, must be packed in strong dust-tight wooden cases having a metal lining; and that no such case should contain more than one pound and no box or package more than ten such cases.

It was, however, represented that the application of these rules to consignments of matches would greatly hamper the trade and prevent the carriage of matches by rail. The rules were accordingly modified, and the following rule was added in Government of India resolution No. 535 R. T., dated 14th July 1896, as rule iii (7) (3) of Appendix A to the General Rules:—

"The outer wooden cases used for the carriage of matches (lucifer and vesuvian) shall be of the following thickness of wood—gross weight of case with contents not exceeding 2½ maunds; top, bottom and sides ½-inch thick, and ends ¾-inch thick with two battens 2½-inches wide by ½-inch thick nailed to the sides, or ¾-inch thick throughout. Gross weight of case exceeding 2½ maunds, 1 inch thick throughout."

2. Owing to further representations it was subsequently decided in Government of India letter No. 227 R. T., dated 8th March 1897, that the above rule should, for the present, be applied only to matches packed in India, and 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 planks to be used in the construction of the cases being held in abeyance for a period of twelve months from the date of that letter to permit of the question receiving further consideration in the light of the proposals made by the Director General of Railways in his letter No. 2 T., dated 5th January 1897, read above.

3. The Governor General in Council has now considered the views of the Railway Administrations, the Chambers of Commerce and the manufacturers on the rules proposed by the Director General of Railways, and approves of the said rules with the modification suggested in favour of limiting the thickness of the planks to ¾-inch instead of 1 inch in the case of boxes exceeding 4 maunds in weight, the revised rules to be applicable both to matches packed in India as well as to imported matches with effect from the 8th March 1898.

RESOLUTION.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47(4) of the Indian Railways Act, IX of 1890, the Governor General in Council is pleased to cancel Government of India resolution No. 535 R. T., dated the 14th July 1896, and to sanction the adoption of the accompanying modifications of the General Rules for working open lines of railway referred to above on all railways whether in British India, in foreign territory or in native states, to which the said rules have been applied.

2. The Governor General in Council further directs that "safety" matches should be held as coming under the definition of "lucifer" matches and that no distinction should be observed between "safety" and other matches in regard to packing and conditions of carriage.

ORDER.—Ordered that this circular and its enclosure be published under a notification in Part I of the *Gazette of India*, as required by section 47, sub-section (3) of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, and that the General Rules as now further amended be kept for inspection at railway stations as directed by sub-section (6) of the same section.

Ordered, also, that a copy of this circular and of its enclosure be communicated to the Local Governments and Administrations, and to the Officers noted in the margin, for information and guidance; and 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 in Central India and Baluchistan, the Resident in Mysore, and to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information.

By order,

H. J. Maclellan Captain, R. E.

Offg. Under Secretary.

Document accompanying.

Corrigendum slip to the open line General Rules promulgated with Government of India circular No. 6 Ry., dated 12th March 1895.

To The Secy. to the Govt of Madras,
P. W. Dept., Railway Branch.

[Enclosure to Government of India circular No. 1 Ry., dated 3rd March 1898.]

Corrigendum to the General Rules for working open lines of railway promulgated with Government of India circular No. 6 Ry., dated the 12th March 1895.

Appendix A, Rule III (7) (1).—After the word "lining" add—

The contents being branded, painted or labelled on the outside in legibly printed or written characters.

Appendix A, Rule III (7) (2).—Add a note—

This restriction will not apply to matches (lucifer or vesuvian).

Appendix A, Rule III.—Add the following as (7) (3):—

(7) (3) The outer wooden cases used for the carriage of matches (lucifer and vesuvian) shall be of the following thickness of wood—gross weight of case with contents not exceeding 4 maunds in weight, ½-inch thick throughout; gross weight of case with contents exceeding 4 maunds, ¾-inch thick throughout.

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