

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 844. *Ry.*

DATED 1st August 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

General Rules of 1895

Coming to the notice for info & guidance,
Resolution of the Govt of India containing
modification of certain portions of the —
for working open lines of railway in British
administered by Govt

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Madras Railway Company.

Traffic Manager's Office,

Central Station, Madras, 28th May 1898.

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The Agent and Manager,
Rajapuram.

Dear Sir,

Re: Rules for packing Acids. 2/11/11

Appendix A, Para 4, Page 114 of the General Rules for Indian Railways require that concentrated mineral acids shall be packed in ashes free from cinders, chalk, sand or dry earth. In other cases the packing may be of straw, chaff or saw dust mixed with coal, wood ashes, chalk or sand.

sand. We have no means of determining whether acids presented for carriage are concentrated or not; and it has been our practice to require the first named method of packing in all cases. Most of the Railways in India tell us that they adopt the same practice.

We have recently had complaints, however, from Madras Merchants that in sending consignments of acids from Bombay the second method of packing has been adopted, and local firms complain that this gives their Bombay competitors in business an undue advantage.

The G. I. P. Railway in reply to my reference tell me that there is no concentrated

concentrated acid imported into ^{the} ~~their~~ country and that the only concentrated acid is Nordhansens which is used in Europe only, and that therefore it is their practice to accept all acids as unconcentrated and apply the packing rules accordingly.

If the information given to the G. P. R. Railway is correct, it would seem advisable that the Director-General of Railways should be addressed with a view to withdrawing the more stringent rule; and if on the other hand the second set of conditions are not sufficiently secure for any acid that may be presented for carriage it would appear advisable that they should be withdrawn as the Traffic Departments of Railways cannot discriminate between acids presented to them for carriage, and the different reading of the rules by different Railways not only causes undue preference to merchants but also involves a risk of accident from consignments booked on to one line by another which has adopted a more lax interpretation of the rules.

(True copy)

Yours faithfully,
J. G. Read.
Traffic Manager.

W. M.
Agent & Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways.

Dated

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE,

MADRAS, 2nd June 1898.

From



The Agent and Manager.

Madras Railway.

To

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Traffic Manager N. O. 6/52335 of the 28th ultimo, regarding the rule for packing concerning mineral acids and I shall be glad if, under the circumstances explained in the letter, the Government of India can be addressed with a view to the withdrawal of the rule.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Wm S. M. W.
Agent and Manager.



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It appears to me
that this is more
a question for
the Committee of
Experts to take
up than the R.R.
D. C. M. T.

The Railway men
argue that they
are prepared to apply
a test which they
have no means of applying.
But the G. I. P. R. men say
we must apply the test
because there is no need
to do so. It is a case of
difference in the reading of the
meaning of the word "concentrated"
by the two parties. We must ask
him what their real intention was, and if
any of correspondence
Do this please

7/11/98 Enclosure.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated

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10 June 1898

Madras Railway

Madras

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Traffic Manager of the Government of India regarding the rule for packing cases in which mineral acids and other dangerous articles are sent by rail. The Government of India has decided to withdraw the rule.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
W. M. M.
Agent and Manager

enclosed

Form No. 10.

Railway Department.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 10th June 1898
To

D. G. R. Traffic

No. 1710 Reply No. 1329KT, dated 3.12.98

SIR,

I L T h to forward a copy of letter no 490 from AM together with its enclosure and to request the favor of an authoritative ruling as to the proper construction to be placed on the reading of the word "Concentrated"

Reminders.

Enc one. No. 1710 d 29.8.98
Copy of Am's letter + its enclosure, all in one sheet

No. 1710 d 28-9-98
23/10/98

No. 1710 d 23-11-98
23/11/98

CMU. 8/6

Despatched on 11.6.98

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway
CURRENT No. 1471.

From The Govt. of India

Order No. 3441
13.12.98.

Copy forwarded to H.M.
with reference to his letter
No. 10663 of 2nd June 1898.
A/c 90

For E.R.
13/12/98.

No. 1329 R.T.

Dated 3rd December 1898.

Received }
Registered } 13-XII-98.

Enclosures

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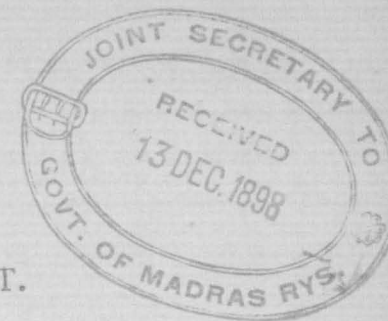
SUBJECT.

Definition of "concentrated
mineral acids".

Stating that the —
is under the consideration
of the Govt. of India.

13/12/98

No. 1329 R.T.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.



Simla, the 3rd December 1898.

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Sir;

With reference to letter No. 1710 dated the 10th June 1898, from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, to the address of the Director of Railway Traffic and subsequent reminder dated the 23rd November 1898 asking for an authoritative definition of "concentrated mineral acids", I am directed to inform you that the matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Lubbock

Lieutenant R.E.,
Assistant Secretary.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.

S. A.

(No. 1.)
No. 10663

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MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGERS' OFFICE,

Madras, 23rd March 1899.



To

The Agent and Manager.

Madras Railway

The Consulting Engineer for Railways.

SIR,

Madras.

With reference to your memo-
randum N^o 3441 of the 13th December
last regarding rules for packing mi-
neral acids, I have the honor to
request that you will be good enough
to let me know whether any definite
reply has been received from the
Government of India on the
subject.

Date Please Sir, I have the honor to be,
we have not heard further. Sir,
May we reply according to your most obedient servant,
- highly to AM or shall a
remains he sent - del

Enclosed. Reply accordingly
Jd
25.3.99.

Louis S.W.V.S.

Agent & Manager.

P. J. O.

N^o 1020
27.3.99.

From ER
To AM

With reference to poster, No. 10663
309
of 23rd March 1899 I have the honor to
inform you that this office has heard
nothing further from the Government
of India re the rules for packing
mineral acids.

27.3.99.

nil for inspection

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Despatched on 27/3/99

2/5/99

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Public Works (1899) Department.

Letter from AM. N^o 10663 d. 2.6.98. Reas
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to SRI, N^o 1710 d. 10.6.98. P.W. Rg.
from the Govt of India N^o 1329 d. 3.12.98. CURRENT No. 927
Circular " N^o V R 13.7.98. full.

From The Govt of India

Order - No. 844. Dated 1/8/99
Communicated to
Railway administrations for
information and guidance.

Cir No. V Rg

Dated 3rd July 1899
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SUBJECT.

General Rules of 1895 for
working open lines of railway
in British India administered
by the Government.

Forwarding Govt. of India
Resolution containing modi-
fication of rule 14, Chapter III
& rule 11(4), Appendix A
Part II of the

To AM
A
ER
Judicial Dept

1/8/99

FURTHER PAPERS.

[Heads of Departments.]



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Simla, the 3rd July 1899.

General Rules of 1895 for working open lines of railway in British India administered by the Government.

Modification of rule 14, Chapter III, and rule II (4), Appendix A,
Part II.

Read—

Section 47 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 118, dated the 21st March 1895, publishing—in Part I of the *Gazette of India* of the 23rd March 1895—the Government of India circular No. 6 Railway, dated the 12th March 1895, and the General Rules therewith promulgated for all open lines of railway in British India administered by the Government.

Read also—

also—
Letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, to the Director of Rail-
way Traffic, No. 1710, dated the 11th June 1898, and enclosures.

OBSERVATIONS.—The inside packing of boxes containing concentrated mineral acids is required by rule II (4) of Appendix A, to the General Rules referred to above, to be of ashes free from cinders, or of chalk, sand, or dry earth. In the case of other dangerous goods marked "B" in Part II, Chapter III, rule 14, the inside packing must be of straw, chaff or sawdust mixed with coal, wood-ashes, chalk or sand.

2. In the absence of an authoritative ruling as to the proper construction to be placed on the reading of the word "concentrated," difficulties have been experienced in determining whether acids presented for carriage by railway are concentrated or not. The administrations of some railways treat all acids alike and insist on the first method of packing above referred to; while those of other lines, being of opinion that there is no concentrated acid imported into the country served by the railways under their administration, accept all acids as unconcentrated and apply the packing rules accordingly. Complaints have, in consequence, been made by the public in certain parts of India that, owing to the second method of packing, referred to above, being adopted in the case of all acids consigned from certain ports, their competitors in business in the latter places have an undue advantage over them.

3. A concentrated mineral acid means a strong acid in ordinary language, but as the strength of acids, when they are pure, varies with their specific gravities, the Government of India are advised that there would be practical difficulties in fixing the specific gravity as a test of strength in order to define the term "concentrated" for the purpose of applying the rules for packing referred to in paragraph 1 above. While, however, the lax interpretation of the rules by one railway administration in cases in which the more stringent rule for packing

should be adopted, is considered dangerous to other goods and involves the risk of accidents, it does not appear necessary to enforce the more stringent rule for packing in the case of all acids, but only to restrict it to the three mineral acids, *viz.*, Hydrochloric, Sulphuric and Nitric.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that the three mineral acids, *viz.*, Hydrochloric, Sulphuric, and Nitric in any state whatever, should be packed in the manner laid down in the first portion of rule II (4) of Appendix A to the General Rules, above referred to, when tendered for carriage by railway, the second method of packing being adopted in the case of other acids; and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 (4) of the Indian Railways Act, IX of 1890, to sanction the adoption of the accompanying corrigenda to the General Rules for working open lines of railway, referred to above, on all railways in British India, in foreign territory or in native states, to which the said rules have been applied.

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.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and Burma.
The Chief Commissioner of Assam.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agent to the Governor General for Rajputana.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
The Managers, North Western, Eastern Bengal, Oudh and Rohilkhand, and East Coast (State) Railways.

By order,

W. J. McCreery

Captain, R. E.,

Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

W. J. McCreery

Documents accompanying.

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

To. The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.
P.W. Deptt: Railway Branch,

[Enclosure to Government of India circular No. V Railway, dated the 3rd July 1899.]

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

Part II, Chapter III, Rule 14.

Against the entry—"Acid, carbolic" for the letter "A" substitute the letter "B."
Expunge the entry—"Acid, carbolic, concentrated" B."

Part II, Appendix A, Rule II (4).

For the word "concentrated" substitute the words "any of the three," and after the word "acids" add, "*viz.*, Hydrochloric, Sulphuric, and Nitric."

The corrigenda have been sent out in the air

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