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**Re: Restricted and Prohibited Commodities Reminder**

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Dear Valued Customer:

We want to take this opportunity to reaffirm to you and your customers the following important safety rules that apply when using the Pacer Stacktrain Intermodal Network:

- 1) Commodities must be properly declared. This is not only a Pacer Stacktrain and underlying rail carrier requirement, federal and state laws including the Federal Intermodal Safe Container Act are explicit on this requirement as well.
- 2) Shipment weights should be exact and not estimated. This is also a requirement of the Federal Intermodal Safe Container act.
- 3) Shipments should be blocked and braced inside containers in accordance with current federal and state laws and industry guidelines, including those associated with the AAR and underlying rail carrier intermodal circulars.
- 4) Certain commodities are prohibited or restricted on the Pacer Stacktrain Network as well as on the underlying rail carrier network. Prohibited commodities will not be accommodated on the network. Restricted commodities are subject to special rate arrangements and inspection prior to departure to insure safe movement across the network. Pacer Stacktrain automatically identifies and places prohibited and restricted commodity shipments on hold for inspection utilizing a key word search. The standard time for the inspection process at the ramp is 24 hours. Once a restricted commodity is approved for movement for a particular beneficial cargo owner, future shipments of that commodity by that cargo owner will then only be subject to spot check every 30 to 45 days to ensure continued safe loading and blocking and bracing. Prohibited commodities identified during inspection will not be allowed to move further on the rail network. Please refer to our service directory listed on [www.pacerstack.com](http://www.pacerstack.com) and the underlying rail carrier intermodal circulars for a complete listing of policies around restricted and prohibited commodities.

**Prohibited Commodities include but are not limited to:**

Hazardous waste, explosives and corrosive materials.

Coiled Metal Products of any kind except for metal banding as defined below (steel, aluminum, brass, copper, magnesium, tin, etc.). A coil is defined as bands or straps of raw metal rolled in a circular figure.

**Restricted Commodities include but are not limited to:**

Scrap metal, used machinery and cigarettes.

Spooled or reeled products subject to weight limitations such as cable, wire (not strapping or large bands of metal), paper, rope, cloth, plastic or other material that is placed on a metal or wooden spool or reel and then wrapped around such spool or reel.

Dense metal items subject to weight limitations (iron, steel, aluminum, brass, copper, magnesium, tin, etc.).

5) Before tendering any restricted commodities for transportation, you should obtain a special rate for the shipment, inquire about any special packaging, blocking and bracing requirements and communicate these requirements to your customer.

Pacer Stacktrain is committed to the safety of our network. We appreciate your cooperation and support in our shared responsibility to delivering on this commitment to safety.

Any questions should be directed to your local Pacer Stacktrain Sales or Customer Service Representative.