

# **RAILINC** | Loading Authority Update

## **Important News: Major Changes are Being Made to the Loading Authority Application**

The Loading Authority portions of AAR Circular OT-5 will be deleted. A new Circular, OT-57, will be published with new requirements. Circular OT-57 will describe a streamlined private car registration process. Railinc is currently developing this new system with the help of the North America Freight Car Association (NAFCA) and the Association of American Railroads (AAR).

- Railroads will no longer approve private cars for loading
- Mechanical data will not be reviewed as part of the registration process
- Commodity information will no longer be required
- Loading point information will no longer be required
- Management tools will be included in the new system that will make managing fleets much easier

Implementation of the new system is anticipated to be in early 2020. Preliminary steps can be taken now.

### **What You Need to Do:**

If you are a Controlling Entity for a fleet of private marked railcars in the Loading Authority (OT-5) system, you will need to be registered in FindUs.Rail as a Loading Authority (Circular OT-57) Controlling Entity contact for your company. This will allow you to be selected and added to a Fleet profile in the new system.

Refer to the [Add a FindUs.Rail Contact Quick Guide](#) for information on adding and updating FindUs.Rail contacts. If you need assistance entering your contact information in FindUs.Rail, contact Railinc using the information listed below.

### **Got Questions? Get Answers.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Railinc Customer Success Center by email at [csc@railinc.com](mailto:csc@railinc.com) or by phone at 877-724-5462.