Shipping Open-Top Rail Car Loads in California

In order to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) rules for open-top loads, Union Pacific will require customers to properly label (marked, stenciled or placarded) loads that meet the following critera:

- Shipping to/from/through the state of California
- Open-top rail cars (flatcar, gondola, etc.)
- Lading extending laterally in excess of 5'5" (five feet, five inches) from the center line of car (and or)
 Lading extending in excess of 15'6" (fifteen feet, six inches) in height above top of rail

Absence to comply with this requirement will result in a fine. The shipment may also be held to comply with this order. All such required markings and placarding shall be placed on the side adjacent to the ladder or handholds near the floor line of the car at each of the four corners.

