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Changes to Weekly Railroad Traffic Report Commodity Groups

In Week 1 of 2011, we will make three changes to the commodity groups used in the carload section of the *Weekly Railroad Traffic* report (WRT):

1. Old Commodity Group 18 – Waste and Scrap Materials will be split into two groups: Commodity Group 18 – Iron and Steel Scrap (STCC code 40211), and Commodity Group 19 – Waste and Nonferrous Scrap (STCC 40 except 40211, and STCC 48). Old Commodity Group 19 – All Other will be renumbered as Commodity Group 20 – All Other.
2. Crude Petroleum (STCC 13) will be moved from the new Commodity Group 20 – All Other to Commodity Group 13 – Petroleum Products.
3. Distiller's Dried Grains (DDGs, STCC 20823 and 20859) will be moved from Commodity Group 8 – Food and Kindred Products to Commodity Group 7 – Grain Mill Products.

In connection with these changes, Summary Traffic Group consisting of Metallic Ores & Metals will be expanded to include Commodity Group 18 – Iron and Steel Scrap. No changes are being made to the intermodal section of the WRT.

In addition, we have clarified our instructions regarding the reporting of hazardous materials (hazmat) traffic moving in carload service to be clear that this traffic should be reported according to the non-hazmat STCC (*i.e.*, non-STCC 49), if it is known. If only the hazmat STCC is known, this traffic will continue to be reported in Commodity Group 12 – Chemicals. This change is expected to affect the reports of some, but not all, carriers.

The revised Commodity Group table is on the following page. Minor changes to individual commodity groups have been made in the past, but this is the first time since the current format was adopted in early 1989 that a commodity group has been added or deleted. The WRT PDF will be modified to include a few new rows and columns, as appropriate. The summary and graph pages will not change, aside from the expansion of Metallic Ores & Metals. Traffic for 2010 will be restated to make the year-to-year comparisons consistent.

Subscribers to the WRT Data Files will be sent a sample of the data files in the new format, along with updated lookup tables.

If you have questions, please contact Paul Posey at pposey@aar.org or 202-639-2323.

Carload Traffic Commodity Groups

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| 1. Grain | STCC 0113 and 01144: includes grains (wheat, corn, oats, sorghum, etc.) and soybeans. |
| 2. Farm Products, Ex. Grain | STCC 01, except 0113 and 01144: includes all farm products except grains and soybeans. |
| 3. Metallic Ores | STCC 10: includes all metallic ores, such as iron, copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, bauxite or aluminum, manganese, tungsten, and chromium ores. |
| 4. Coal | STCC 11: includes anthracite, bituminous, and lignite coal. |
| 5. Crushed Stone, Sand and Gravel | STCC 142 and 144: includes crushed or broken stone or riprap and sand or gravel. |
| 6. Nonmetallic Minerals | STCC 14, except 142 and 144: includes nonmetallic minerals (clay, phosphate rock, rock salt, etc.), except fuel, crushed stone, sand and gravel. |
| 7. Grain Mill Products | STCC 204, 20823, 20859, and 20923: includes flour, prepared feed, cereal preparations, milled rice, wet corn milling products, distiller's dried grains (DDGs), soybean cake, and other milled grains. |
| 8. Food and Kindred Products | STCC 20, except 204, 20823, 20859, and 20923: includes all food and feed products, except grain mill products. |
| 9. Primary Forest Products | STCC 241: includes primary forest or wood raw materials, except sawmill products. |
| 10. Lumber and Wood Products | STCC 24, except 241: includes all lumber and wood products, except furniture, and primary forest products. |
| 11. Pulp, Paper, and Allied Products | STCC 26: includes all products from pulp mills, paper, paperboard or fiberboard, containers or boxes, and building paper or board. |
| 12. Chemicals | STCC 28 and 49: includes all chemicals and allied products (incl. ethanol and fertilizer), and hazardous materials for which the non-hazmat STCC is not known. |
| 13. Petroleum Products | STCC 13 and 291: includes crude petroleum and all products of petroleum refining, such as gasoline, kerosene, distillate fuel oil, lubricating oils and greases, asphalt pitches or tars, residual fuel oils, and liquefied gases. |
| 14. Stone, Clay and Glass Products | STCC 32: includes all types of glass products, hydraulic cement, structural clay products, pottery or related products, concrete, gypsum or plaster products, cut stone or stone products, and abrasives or asbestos products. |
| 15. Coke | STCC 29911, 29913 and 29914: includes coal or coke briquettes, petroleum coke, and coke produced from coal. |
| 16. Metals and Products | STCC 33 and 34: includes primary metal products, including galvanized, and fabricated metal products, except ordnance materials, machinery and transportation equipment. |
| 17. Motor Vehicles and Equipment | STCC 371 and 41118: includes motor vehicles, passenger car bodies, motor bus or truck bodies, motor vehicle parts and accessories, truck trailers, and used vehicles. |
| 18. Iron and Steel Scrap | STCC 40211: includes iron and steel (<i>i.e.</i> , ferrous) scrap. |
| 19. Waste and Nonferrous Scrap | STCC 40 except 40211, and STCC 48: includes all waste (hazardous and nonhazardous), and nonferrous scrap. |
| 20. All Other Carloads | All Other Carloads and less than carload traffic not identified above, excluding intermodal traffic. |

Intermodal Traffic Groups

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| Trailers | Trailers and Containers on Chassis: includes Trailers—equipment bearing a reporting mark ending with the letter "Z," with a permanently affixed undercarriage—and Containers on Chassis—equipment bearing a reporting mark ending with the letter "U," moving on an undercarriage/chassis. |
| Containers | Containers: includes equipment bearing a reporting mark ending with the letter "U," moving without an undercarriage/chassis. |

Summary Traffic Groups

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| Agricultural Products | Commodity Groups 1 (Grain) + 2 (Farm Products, Ex. Grain) + 7 (Grain Mill Products) + 8 (Food & Kindred Products). |
| Chemicals | Commodity Groups 12 (Chemicals) + 13 (Petroleum Products). |
| Coal | Commodity Group 4 (Coal). |
| Forest Products | Commodity Groups 9 (Primary Forest Products) + 10 (Lumber & Wood Products) + 11 (Pulp, Paper, and Allied Products). |
| Metallic Ores & Metals | Commodity Groups 3 (Metallic Ores) + 15 (Coke) + 16 (Metals and Products) + 18 (Iron and Steel Scrap). |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | Commodity Group 17 (Motor Vehicles and Equipment). |
| Non-metallic Minerals and Products | Commodity Groups 5 (Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel) + 6 (Nonmetallic Minerals) + 14 (Stone, Clay and Glass Products). |
| Other | Commodity Groups 19 (Waste and Nonferrous Scrap) + 20 (All Other Carloads). |