

ADVISORY CIRCULAR

Subject: Incident of Tarpaulin stuck up with Axle box

In view of the incident reported in KR on 24-03-2025 that a BOXN load detained at VID due to Tarpaulin stuck up with the outer cover of axle box and most recently on 17-05-2025 an incident reported in CKP Division of South Eastern railway where Grease seal damaged due to tarpaulin entangled in axle box of a clinker load BOXNHL at KANDRA junction. It caused detachment of wagon and heavy detention.

Entanglement of tarpaulin with axle or any other parts of trains or with OHE or any other fixed installation may lead to serious hazards. A precautionary measure must be adopted when a load of BOXN covered with tarpaulin leaving from loading point or when it is running through at the stations.

The necessary precautions in this regard as mentioned below to be adhered: -

- 1 At loading point, Open wagon to be covered with tarpaulin under the supervision of Commercial Supervisor.
2. Tarpaulin should be Tightened and secured properly with rope. There should no scope of gushing of air in the Tarpaulin such that it flattens during movement.
3. During GDR check, both ALP and TMR ensure that the Tarpaulin is properly tightened.
- 4 If any loose rope or tarpaulin is noticed in goods yard at the time of departure, it should be attended immediately.
5. During the run, Station staff must be vigilant while exchanging signal for any loose tarpaulin or rope. The station master stops the train and attend it as far as possible.
6. When Station master is not able to stop the train or could not attend the tarpaulin properly, he should advise the control / station master of next station to stop the train for securing tarpaulin with rope.
7. TMR, ALP and LP must take good look on wagon covered with tarpaulin during the exchange of signal with TMR in Curve.
8. Other train TMR, LP and ALP while exchanging signal with BOXN load covered with Tarpaulin must advise the Station Master or the BOXN load crew, of the open condition of tarpaulin.

9.All the Gateman, Patrolman and Cutting Watchman to be sensitized regarding the loose Tarpaulin/Rope.

10. When the Gateman, Patrolman or Cutting Watchman notice of open condition of tarpaulin or loose rope, they should inform immediately to the nearest Station Master or the control through EFT phone.

All concerned to note and act accordingly.

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