

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Segregation of Containers/TEUs and Rolling Stock on Railcars

Purpose: Advise Stakeholders of railcar loading requirements segregating different types of equipment on railcars.

Be Advised: Effective immediately, railcars shall be loaded in a manner that segregates any rolling stock from ISO dry containers or similar TEUs on the same railcar. Any piece of equipment that would be loaded and waybilled as a container must be loaded with like equipment on the same railcar. Do not load rolling stock mixed with containers or similar TEUs that can be secured to rail cars using the ISO pedestals on the same railcar.

When waybilling railcars, all railcars with rolling stock will be charged at a per car rate and railcars with containers or similar TEU-like equipment (HIPPO, M7 FRS, etc.) will be charged at the container rate. If you need assistance with assigning container numbers to similar TEU-like equipment, reach out to your servicing railroad for assistance.

When ordering railcars for containers/TEUs through the solicitation process in DFRRO, those must be broken out and separate from the rail car order. Container/TEU type and quantity shall be listed separately and not included in the rail car count when ordering rail cars. Any requirement for well cars to transport TEUs should be specified in the notes section of the solicitation.

Shippers can consult the Joint Equipment Characteristics Database (JECD) referenced below to find dimensions and photographs of TEU-like equipment. If you have any questions about what cargo is considered a container for rail waybilling purposes, reach out to your servicing railroad or SDDC Rail Operations.

Reference: Joint Equipment Characteristics Database (JECD)

<https://www.sddc.army.mil/sites/TEA/Functions/SystemsIntegration/DataAndSystemManagement/Pages/EquipCharacteristicsData.aspx>

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