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As per Mailing List

Sub: Guidelines for R260 grade rails.

Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter no. 2020/Track-I (P)/R260 Grade rails  
dated 26.06.2020 and 30.07.2020

(ii) This office letter no. CT/Specification/T-12 dated 17.07.2020

1. Technical specification of R260 grade rail was approved by Railway board vide letter dated 26.06.2020 referred at (i) above. Further, In compliance to Railway Board's instruction, production of R260 grade rail has been started by BSP/SAIL.
2. R260 rails are considered similar to 880 grade rails from the perspective of handling, stacking and maintenance requirement in field. However, these rails being used for the first time should be kept under a close monitoring for the first 12 months, by way of a prompt analysis of their unusual behaviour, if any. Accordingly, Guidelines for R260 rails was prepared and submitted to Railway Board for their consideration vide letter dated 17.07.2020 referred at (ii) above. Railway Board, vide letter dated 30.07.2020 referred at (i) above, has approved the Guidelines for R260 rails.
3. Accordingly, Guidelines for R260 grade rails is enclosed as **Annexure** for information and necessary compliance please. Regarding AT and FB weld, provisions of relevant Manuals and Specification and related instructions would be applicable.

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### Guidelines for R260 Grade Rails

#### A. Guidelines for Handling and stacking and Maintenance of R260 rails:

R260 rails are considered similar to 880 grade rails from the perspective of handling, stacking and maintenance requirements in the field. Hence, following would be applicable

- i. Provisions of redrafted IRPWM of June/2020 would be applicable for handling, stacking and maintenance.
- ii. Guidelines on handling and stacking of 880 grade rails as contained in RDSO's *Guidelines for Handling and Stacking of Rails* October-2014 (No. CT-35) already issued to Zonal Railways vide RDSO's letter dated 05.11.2014

#### B. Monitoring of performance of R260 rails for one year:

R260 rails being used for the first time on Indian Railways should be kept under a close monitoring for the first one year, by way of a prompt analysis of their unusual behaviour, if any. Guidelines for monitoring of performance are as under:

SN	Item	Action Required	Remarks
1	Rail Fracture	Action to be taken as per Para 617 of redrafted IRPWM of June/2020.	All fracture pieces of rail shall be sent to M&C Dte. of RDSO for analysis.
2	IMR	Action to be taken as per existing provisions of IRPWM and USFD Manual	In case excessively high IMR defects are noticed, the details would be reported to RDSO.
3	Gauge corner cracking and surface defects	During the regular trolley/foot inspections, ADEN/SSE(PWay) would carry out careful visual inspection of the rails and record any significant observations.	Any unusual observed would be reported to RDSO giving details rolling mark, location, laying date, GMT and affected length.
4	Any other defects	Any abnormal behaviour noticed e.g. wear/corrosion during routine inspection.	Any abnormal behaviour shall be reported to RDSO.

Note - ZR would send the above details on email id of Director/Track-1/RDSO at [dtd1rdso@gmail.com](mailto:dtd1rdso@gmail.com) also.

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