



Task Force Charter Photographic Evidence

I. BUSINESS CASE / PROJECT NEED

- The M&R Leadership team was requested to review the current Photographic Evidence for criteria improvement opportunities.

II. GOAL STATEMENT

- The Task Force will seek to establish improved criteria for tire photos in order to be reliable evidence to validate cause of failure and proper determination of responsible party in lieu of returning the carcass. The Task Force will complete its review within recommended timeframes.

III. WORK PLAN and TIMELINE

- The Task Force will use the following source documents:
 - AAR Interchange Rules
 - Exhibit C – UIIA
- The Task Force will investigate and research, as necessary, with outside resources such as scientific, tire experts, and academic advisors to assist with methods and processes that can support the Task Force's goals.
- The Task Force will cross reference tire conditions with Exhibit C and AAR Interchange Rules as it pertains to appropriate Why Made codes and proper tire markings.
- September 2024 – Vote into Task Force by M&R Committee
- November 2024 – Prepare survey for Task Force team to vote on criteria updates.
- February 2025 – Review results of survey with Task Force for final discussions and recommendations for M&R Leadership team.
- September 2025
- – Propose criteria updates for M&R Leadership vote.

IV. DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Measurable confidence level in hypothesis



- Charter approval by M&R Committee
- Updated criteria approval by M&R Committee
- IIEC reviews and adopts Task Force and M&R Committee Recommendations

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Task Force volunteers will represent the following types of member companies:

Motor Carriers; Intermodal Equipment Providers – Leasing Companies, Rail, Steamship Lines, Equipment Pools; M&R Service Providers; Intermodal Industry Subject Matter Expert: Tires

Task Force Leader – Mark Smith and M&R Leadership will finalize the Task Force members.

Five to six Task Force members will be selected and will be multi-stakeholder in nature. The Committee Chair and Vice Chairs are ex-officio members of the task force.

- The Task Force leader is appointed by the Committee Chair;
 - 6-8 Task Force members are recommended;
 - Task Force members will be appointed by the Committee Chair and should be multi-stakeholder in nature
 - The Committee Chair and Vice Chairs are ex-officio members of the task force;
- and
- All members must be active participants. If not, the task force leader or the Committee Chair must remove them