CN OT-5 Loading Authority
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is OT-5 Loading Authority?
Created by all railroads under the AAR to govern the use of private rail cars, it gives the railroad the ability to monitor, and if necessary, direct network traffic depending on network demands. Private car owners are now required to have adequate storage for any railcars in their fleet when there is no demand.

2. What are the key benefits?
- **Optimized Fleet Utilization**: Right sized fleet create better fleet production that increase business opportunities.
- **Improved Service**: Decreased transit times and increased efficient car loadings.
- **Better Transparency**: Provides for timely disposition on idle/congesting equipment.
- **Network Safety**: Ensures only “safe to move cars” are operational.

3. What do I need to do?
- You are required to register all private rail cars on [Railinc’s website](https://www.railinc.com/rportal/loading-authority) and obtain approval before moving onto CN lines.
- You need to inform us where you intend to load from, how many cars, and what product you will be shipping. You are required to also provide a qualified storage location for your cars.
- If a car is found on our lines without an OT-5 approval, CN will apply a tariff charge of $200/car/incident.
- In the event of congestion, CN may move cars without demand to the designated storage facility in the OT-5 application.

4. Where can I submit my application?
Registration site: [https://www.railinc.com/rportal/loading-authority](https://www.railinc.com/rportal/loading-authority)

5. How long does it take to get my application reviewed?
AAR’s standard time is 45 days.
6. What if I submit my application but go ahead and load before getting my OT-5 approved?
Any cars in submitted status can not move on CN lines and therefore are subject to tariff charges if found on CN lines. Give yourself a 45 day window for planning your loading.

7. What are the timelines?

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<td>April 22nd – Aug 4th</td>
<td>Your grace period to register your fleet to be OT5 compliant.</td>
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<td>July 1st</td>
<td>Shadow invoicing starts (as your reminder).</td>
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<td>As of Aug 5th, invoicing begins</td>
<td>Cars found on CN lines will have charges applied immediately where:</td>
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<td>• Cars do not have submitted registrations prior to Aug 4th OR</td>
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8. How much are the Tariff charges?
$200/car/Incident fee is applicable for every car found operating on CN lines without an approved OT-5.

9. Which cars are subject to Tariff CN9000 Item 9400?
All private cars without an approved OT-5 application in which CN is identified as the originating line haul carrier and where the cars are: released from customer location or interchange will trigger tariff charges.

10. Who gets charged under the tariff?
Responsibility: Payor of Freight regardless of controlling entity.

11. What are the requirements for OT-5 Compliance with CN?
• The car is deemed safe to operate.
• The car is mechanically sound.
• You have listed adequate storage.

12. What if our company does not operate from a physical facility? (Where do we obtain storage?)

Companies that do not operate loading facilities will require external 3rd party storage to meet compliance.

13. Should cars shipped to more than one destination be registered for all destinations?

No, destinations are not required.

14. Can I update a registration that is already submitted and approved?

Yes, applications that have been approved by the carriers can be amended and resubmitted.

15. Can a car be on more than one application at a time?

A car can only be on one application in the Loading Authority (OT-5) system at a time.

16. What is the maximum number of cars I can add to a Loading Authority application?

A Loading Authority (OT-5) application has maximum limit of 500 pieces of equipment.

17. Who to contact for more information at CN (OT5 team) and what do I need to provide?

OT5@cn.ca
Include OT-5 application I.D number for inquiries.

18. Where can I find additional information?

Railinc's Website
OT-5 Internet Application User Guide
Railinc's OT-5 FAQs
Loading Authority OT-5 Webinar