

# EMBARGOES, OPSL NOTES & PERMITS



The Railinc Embargo, OPSL Notes & Permit System is an integrated management application that automates every step in the embargo and permit process.

It provides accurate and timely information that prevents cars from moving to locations where they can't be handled properly because of operational or physical impairments including weather, natural disaster, track conditions or security concerns. Embargoes are a temporary tool for managing rail traffic, while OPSL Notes\* provide long-term restrictions due to physical limitations.

## KEEPS TRAINS SAFE, MAINTAINS TRAFFIC FLOW

The Embargo and Permit System eliminates the need to manually check cars or view waybills to determine if a restriction applies. It provides full search capabilities and evaluates waybills for compliance with embargoes and OPSL notes, notifying sending carriers and/or carriers in the route if shipments match active restrictions. The system receives inbound waybills (EDI 417) from Railinc's Forward & Store application, utilizes the IRF tables for editing and the Umler file for equipment information. With the Embargo and Permit System, carriers can communicate with rail partners quickly for efficient traffic management, reduced costs and improved safety.

## A QUICK AND EASY-TO-USE EMBARGO PROCESS

The Embargo and Permit System simplifies and expedites the embargo process by allowing railroads to:

- Set embargo parameters in compliance with the AAR TD-1 Circular based on commodity, equipment, geography or customer
- Issue, amend and cancel embargoes
- Grant permits to embargoed locations
- Easily search and retrieve active embargoes and OPSL notes
- Include broad geographic areas in an embargo with minimal effort
- Issue emergency embargoes
- View embargo locations and details with a geographic mapping tool

## EXPEDITE THE EMBARGO PROCESS

The Embargo and Permit System streamlines the embargo creation process so railroads can manage traffic and routing more efficiently. It eliminates costly delays by enabling shippers and carriers to route affected shipments away from embargoed locations.



## SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH AUTOMATION

By automating a time-consuming manual approval process, the Embargo and Permit System allows railroads to implement embargoes more quickly and cost-effectively. This allows railroads to stop shipments before they move to locations where they can't be handled properly, reducing transportation costs associated with extra car handling and unnecessary car movement. When origin roads are notified of embargoed waybills, cars can be re-routed, avoiding costs associated with shipping delays and fines associated with equipment and commodity restrictions.

## IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH SHIPPING PARTNERS

The Embargo and Permit System improves communication from the shipper to the end customer by providing timely information on active embargoes. Shippers and other parties to the waybill know quickly when a waybill is rejected because of an embargo, allowing them to make alternate shipping plans without delay. This leads to cost savings and greater customer satisfaction.

## KEEP WORKERS AND EQUIPMENT SAFE

In emergency situations, such as flooding, bridge or track damage, severe weather conditions or security threats, railroads can issue embargoes quickly to prevent equipment damage and injuries.

To learn more about the Embargo, OPSL Notes & Permit System, contact the Railinc Customer Support Center at (877)724-5462 or [csc@railinc.com](mailto:csc@railinc.com) or visit the Railinc website at [www.railinc.com](http://www.railinc.com).

