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**Subpart A—General****§ 215.1 Scope of part.**

This part prescribes minimum Federal safety standards for railroad freight cars.

**§ 215.3 Application.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, this part applies to each railroad freight car in service on:

- (1) Standard gage track of a railroad; or
- (2) Any other standard gage track while the car is being operated by, or is otherwise under the control of, a railroad.

(b) Sections 215.15 and 215.303 of this part do not apply to any car:

- (1) Owned by a Canadian or Mexican Railroad; and

(2) Having a Canadian or Mexican reporting mark and car number.

(c) This part does not apply to a railroad freight car that is:

(1) Operated solely on track inside an industrial or other non-railroad installation; or

(2) Used exclusively in dedicated service as defined in § 215.5(d) of this part; or

(3) Maintenance-of-way equipment (including self-propelled maintenance-of-way equipment) if that equipment is not used in revenue service and is stenciled in accordance with § 215.305 of this part.

(4) Operated in a passenger train and that is inspected, tested, maintained, and operated pursuant to the requirements contained in part 238 of this chapter.

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**§ 215.5 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(a) *Break* means a fracture resulting in complete separation into parts;

(b) *Cracked* means fractured without complete separation into parts, except that castings with shrinkage cracks or hot tears that do not significantly diminish the strength of the member are not considered to be “cracked”;

(c) *Railroad freight car* means a car designed to carry freight, or railroad personnel, by rail and includes a:

- (1) Box car;
- (2) Refrigerator car;
- (3) Ventilator car;
- (4) Stock car;
- (5) Gondola car;
- (6) Hopper car;
- (7) Flat car;
- (8) Special car;
- (9) Caboose car;
- (10) Tank car; and
- (11) Yard car.

(d) *Dedicated service* means the exclusive assignment of cars to the transportation of freight between specified points under the following conditions:

(1) The cars are operated—

(i) Primarily on track that is inside an industrial or other non-railroad installation; and

(ii) Only occasionally over track of a railroad;

(2) The cars are not operated—