

ARTICLE 26 - USE OF COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

(Article VIII of the January 27, 1972 National Agreement)

Indicated

(a) It is recognized that the use of communication systems including the use of and the carrying of portable radios, pursuant to operating rules of the individual carriers, is a part of the duties of employees covered by this Agreement. Existing rules to the contrary are hereby eliminated.

(b) On roads where rules now exist which provide for the payment of arbitraries to employees for the carrying and/or use of radio equipment, such arbitraries will be eliminated effective January 1, 1973.

(c) (Applies to yard service - not reproduced.)

(d) The size and weight of portable radios used by ground service employees in road service will not exceed that presently in use and portable radios hereafter purchased for use in this class of service will be of the minimum size and weight necessary to insure safe and adequate communication. This is not intended to require the purchase of radios weighing less than 3 pounds.

(e) Employees will not be held responsible for accidents caused by failure of radio equipment to properly function.

(f) At locations where radio is used sufficient frequency channels will be utilized to provide safe communication.