Coiled metal, rolled paper and hazardous materials are the most frequently shipped Restricted commodities. Restricted commodities require proper equipment selection, load securement and special price authority so BNSF can move your shipment safely and efficiently.

Proper load planning and securement is crucial for Less than Truckload (LTL) shipments, especially if products include Restricted commodities.

Shippers of bulk commodity and coiled metal are required to complete a Letter of Agreement as well as other requirements.

Coiled metal shipments with any individual coil 3,500 pounds or greater require a Load And Ride Solutions (LARS) customized loading diagram.

Rolled paper shipments must be loaded and secured using the approved LARS methods.

Some Restricted commodities include:
- Ammunition
- Asphalt or petroleum compounds
- Bulk bladders (flexi-tanks)
- Bulk commodities
- Carbon blacks
- Cigarettes
- Coiled metal products
- Dimensional high, wide loads
- Firearms
- Flat racks, flat beds, open tops
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Hazardous materials
- Hides, pelts, skins
- High, extraordinary value
- LTL
- Logs
- Mail, package or parcel shipments
- Nuclear materials, substances
- Reels and spools
- Rolled paper
- Rolling mills
- Scrap batteries and metals
- Tank containers
- Temperature-controlled products
- Tires
- Transport vehicles, machinery
- Vehicle, machinery components
- Waste materials, non-hazardous

BNSF LARS team offers training on properly loading and securing both Restricted and non-Restricted commodities at no cost. Other LARS services include on-site loading evaluations, complete ride quality monitoring programs and developing customized loading diagrams. Please visit www.bnsf.com/LARS, call 800-333-4686, email LARS@bnsf.com or call your BNSF Marketing Representative at 888-IBU-BNSF (888-428-2673).
The BNSF Intermodal Rules and Policies Guide (R&PG) is the governing document for all intermodal shipments.

Shipper responsibilities include:

- Fulfill requirements listed in the R&PG (Item 1 and Liability chapter).

- Properly load, block and brace the shipments (Item 9 and 13). Distressed shipments may be set out of the train, transferred, handled, adjusted, repacked or cleaned (Item 23 and Appendix H).

- Provide complete shipping instructions (Item 7 and Appendix A). Changes to shipping instructions after in-gate may incur charges.

- Follow conditions for:
  - Restricted shipments (equipment and commodities) require a special price authority, actual commodity description and actual STCC stated on the shipping instructions, and adherence to applicable provisions (Items 7, 35 and Appendix A and E).
  - Hazardous shipments must meet BNSF and government regulations (Items 35, 36 and Appendix D).
  - Prohibited shipments cannot be tendered to BNSF (Item 34 and Appendix E).

Note:
- Various charges can apply as outlined in Appendix H. The invoiced freight charge is based on the price authority stated on the shipping instructions and the waybill date.
  - Surcharges (ex. fuel, ACTA, hazardous) are automatically applied based on waybill date (Item 4 and Appendix H).
  - Storage charges apply when the equipment remains on BNSF property beyond notification or under certain conditions (Item 37).

See the complete R&PG at bnsf.com.

Please contact your BNSF Marketing Representative at 888-IBU-BNSF (888-428-2673) with any questions.