AWS D1.5 Interpretation

Subject: RT Requirements for Butt Joints
Code Edition: D1.5M/D1.5:2008
Code Provision: Clause 6.7.1
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Inquiry: Is RT on butt joints merely a suggestion or a mandatory requirement by the Bridge Welding Code?

Response: RT is required by Clause 6.7.1, unless otherwise provided (e.g. subsequent code provisions like ESW which requires both UT and RT or agreement between supplier and owner for alternate acceptance verification). Clause C6.7.1 provides clarification for this code provision.