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Dear Mr Walmsley

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Porterbrook Class 156 Greater Anglia - 2020 accessibility deadline

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011¹ (RIR 2011) makes it unlawful for a passenger rail vehicle to be used in service on the trans-European rail system in the UK after 31 December 2019 unless it complies with the current or future versions of the Technical Specification for Interoperability - Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM TSI) (and/or defined domestic accessibility standards²) except to the extent that:

- a. a derogation from part of the PRM TSI has been granted under Regulation 14 of RIR 2011;
- b. a determination that part of the PRM TSI does not apply has been made under Regulation 13(8) of RIR 2011; or
- c. a dispensation that part of the PRM TSI does not apply has been granted under Regulation 46 of RIR 2011.

This is a dispensation (effective from the date of this letter) made under Regulation 46(4) of the RIR 2011, granting that the vehicles listed in Annex A, collectively known as Porterbrook Class 156 Greater Anglia, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

¹ SI 3066/2011

² The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 or Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010

³ The Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee

For the avoidance of doubt, a separate derogation or determination made under point a) or b) above would be required for any vehicle listed in Annex A that undergoes an upgrade or renewal that requires an authorisation under RIR 2011 after this dispensation. I have copied this dispensation to the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,

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signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Unit	Vehicle	
156 402	52402	57402
156 407	52407	57407
156 409	52409	57409
156 412	52412	57412
156 416	52416	57416
156 417	52417	57417
156 418	52418	57418
156 419	52419	57419
156 422	52422	57422

Annex B

4.2.2.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2 para 2	Width of doorway
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 11 & 12	Door alert tones
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1	Signage
4.2.2.8.3 paras 1	Lack of external bodyside PIS displays
4.2.2.8.3 paras 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.10 para 1	Clearance to handrails
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height of handrails in doorway
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step