



Department
for Transport

Jeremy Hotchkiss
Deputy Director
Rail Technical Industry Competitiveness
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR

Web Site: www.dft.gov.uk

Our Ref: RFSPEC 16/23/2

[Redacted]

18 May 2018

Porterbrook Leasing Limited
Ivatt House
7 The Point
Pinnacle Way
Pride Park
Derby DE24 8ZS

Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 155 - 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 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, which form the sub-fleet of trains known as Class 155, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 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,

Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles	
155341	52341	57341
155342	52342	57342
155343	52343	57343
155344	52344	57344
155345	52345	57345
155346	52346	57346
155347	52347	57347

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 para 9	Door alarm sound ceases as doors begin to close, rather than continuing whilst closing
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 last para	Height of internal door control button
4.2.2.4.2.2 1st para	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Height of seatback handholds.
4.2.2.7 para 3	Clearway between vestibule and saloon beside accessible toilet
4.2.2.12.3.6 para 4	Manual boarding ramp width