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Dear [Redacted]

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Chiltern Mark 3 vehicles - 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 Mark 3 vehicles listed in Annex A, which form locomotive hauled sets, 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,

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signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Coaches						Spare
10274	12620	12610	12609	12627	12606	12619
10273	12603	12618	12604	12617	12621	
10272	12615	12602	12613	12623	12608	
10271	12607	12614	12616	12625	12605	
12119	12094	11029	11031	12043	12017	

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 (para 6)	Vestibule flooring contrast
4.2.2.12.3.6 (final para)	Manual Boarding Ramp angle when deployed
4.2.2.2.1 (para 2)	Seatback handhold heights.