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Angel Trains Limited  
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Dear [redacted],

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 466 2020 accessibility deadline**

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup> (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 standards<sup>2</sup>) 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 466 when operated exclusively with Class 465 units, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC<sup>3</sup>.**

**It does not permit independent operation of those class 466 vehicles after 31 December 2019.**

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<sup>1</sup> SI 3066/2011

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> The Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee

This dispensation letter replaces the one issued to Angel Trains Limited on 5 December 2014 for the 465 and 466 fleets jointly.

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**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	
466001	64860	78312
466002	64861	78313
466003	64862	78314
466004	64863	78315
466005	64864	78316
466006	64865	78317
466007	64866	78318
466008	64867	78319
466009	64868	78320
466010	64869	78321
466011	64870	78322
466012	64871	78323
466013	64872	78324
466014	64873	78325
466015	64874	78326
466016	64875	78327
466017	64876	78328
466018	64877	78329
466019	64878	78330
466020	64879	78331
466021	64880	78332
466022	64881	78333
466023	64882	78334
466024	64883	78335
466025	64884	78336

466026	64885	78337
466027	64886	78338
466028	64887	78339
466029	64888	78340
466030	64889	78341
466031	64890	78342
466032	64891	78343
466033	64892	78344
466034	64893	78345
466035	64894	78346
466036	64895	78347
466037	64896	78348
466038	64897	78349
466039	64898	78350
466040	64899	78351
466041	64900	78352
466042	64901	78353
466043	64902	78354

## **Annex B**

4.2.2.3	Wheelchair spaces
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2. first para	Force required to operate door buttons
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door button bezel illumination
4.2.2.4.1 Fourth para	Door button arrangement
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/fleet threshold
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Lack of external bodyside PIS displays
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height of handrail in doorway
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap and step
4.2.2.12.2 para 4	Height of external step riser
4.2.2.2.2.1 para 1	Quantity of priority seating
4.2.2.10 para 1	Clearance to handrails
4.2.2.4.3.1 para 6	Internal door buttons
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1 and para 2	Safety signage
4.2.2.6.2 para 2	Width of standard toilet door