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5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear [Redacted],

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 156 East Midlands Trains - 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 156, 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>.**

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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

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 is granted.

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 Number</b>	<b>Vehicle Number</b>	<b>Vehicle Number</b>
156401	52401	57401
156403	52403	57403
156404	52404	57404
156405	52405	57405
156406	52406	57406
156408	52408	57408
156410	52410	57410
156411	52411	57411
156413	52413	57413
156414	52414	57414
156415	52415	57415

**Annex B**

4.2.2.2.2.1 (para 6)	Height of priority seat cushion
4.2.2.4.2.1 (para 2)	Width of passenger doorway
4.2.2.4.2.1 last para	Height of door button controls
4.2.2.4.1 (para 4)	Arrangement of open/close buttons
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.3 (para 1)	External bodyside destination/route displays
4.2.2.10 (para 4)	Handrail clearance
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.4.2 (para 2)	Width of wheelchair accessible doorway
4.2.2.7 para 3	Clearway to wheelchair space