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Angel Trains Limited
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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 156 (Abellio ScotRail) - 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 Abellio Scotrail 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 DPTAC³.

This letter replaces the previous dispensation granted on 11 December 2019.

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	
156430	52430	57430
156431	52431	57431
156432	52432	57432
156433	52433	57433
156434	52434	57434
156435	52435	57435
156436	52436	57436
156437	52437	57437
156439	52439	57439
156442	52442	57442
156445	52445	57445
156446	52446	57446
156450	52450	57450
156453	52453	57453
156456	52456	57456
156457	52457	57457
156458	52458	57458
156462	52462	57462
156467	52467	57467
156474	52474	57474
156476	52476	57476
156477	52477	57477
156492	52492	57492
156493	52493	57493

156494	52494	57494
156495	52495	57495
156499	52499	57499
156500	52500	57500
156501	52501	57501
156502	52502	57502
156503	52503	57503
156504	52504	57504
156505	52505	57505
156506	52506	57506
156507	52507	57507
156508	52508	57508
156509	52509	57509
156510	52510	57510
156511	52511	57511
156512	52512	57512
156513	52513	57513
156514	52514	57514

Annex B

4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 2	Width of external doorway
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
4.2.2.7 para 3	Width of clearway
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	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