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Dear [REDACTED],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – First Greater Western Limited Mark 3 carriages of the Riviera Sleeper - 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 exclusively form the Riviera Sleeper service, 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 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

Vehicle number	Vehicle classification
10217	RFM
10219	RFM
10225	RFM
10532	SLEP
10534	SLEP
10563	SLEP
10584	SLEP
10589	SLEP
10590	SLEP
10594	SLEP
10596	SLEP
10601	SLED
10612	SLED
10616	SLED
12100	TSD
12142	TSD
12161	TSD
17173	BSO
17174	BSO
17175	BSO

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1. para 1	Automatic door obstacle detection
4.2.2.4.2.1 paras 7-10	Audible warnings for door opening or closing
4.2.2.4.2.2	Visual illumination warnings for external door buttons
4.2.2.4.1 para 1	Palm operable door controls
4.2.2.10 para 4	Handrail in doorway
4.2.2.5	Door step/threshold lighting
4.2.2.12.1	Step/Gap between train and platform
4.2.2.9 para 6	Clearways – handrails (SLED and SLEP only)
4.2.2.4.1 para 1 and 4.2.2.4.3.1 para 5	Force required to open internal sleeping berth doors (SLED and SLEP only)
4.2.2.8.3 para 13 4.2.2.8.1 para 7 4.2.2.8.3 para 3 & 14 4.2.2.8.3 para 4 & 16 4.2.2.8.1. para 7 4.2.2.8.3 para 4, 7 & 16 4.2.2.8.1 para 4 4.2.2.8.4 paras 1-4 4.2.2.8.3 para 4, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 4.2.2.8.1 para 3, 5, 6, 7	<p>Passenger Information system –</p> <p>Non-sleeper carriages: - After departing London or Cornwall, no further audio announcements will be made until final destination. Compliant visual displays will be provided. Traincrew make oral announcements for intermediate stations.</p> <p>Sleeper carriages – No audio or visual announcements. Staff wake passengers with intermediate tickets if required.</p>
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Passenger Information speakers RASTI levels.
4.2.2.6.2. para 2	Width of Standard toilet door
4.2.2.3	Number of wheelchair spaces
4.2.2.11 para 3	Number of accessible berths
4.2.2.12.3.6 para 9	Dimensions of manual boarding ramp