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Dear Miss Bolt

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150 units in use with Northern - 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 some of the trains known as Class 150, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

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.

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

I have copied this dispensation to the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,



Robin Groth
signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles
150 103	52103 and 57103
150 110 to 150 119 inclusive	52110 to 52119 and 57110 to 57119 inclusive
150 132 to 150 150 inclusive	52132 to 52150 and 57132 to 57150 inclusive
150 201	52201 and 57201
150 203 to 150 207 inclusive	52203 to 52207 and 57203 to 57207 inclusive
150 210 and 150 211	52211, 52211, 57210 and 57211
150 214 and 150 215	52214, 52215, 57214 and 57215
150 218	52218 and 57218
150 220	52220 and 57220
150 222 to 150 226 inclusive	52222 to 52226 and 57222 to 57226 inclusive

Annex B

4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Height of handhold
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1	Signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Lack of external bodyside PIS displays
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step