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Dear [REDACTED]

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150 - 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 150, 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>.**

**This dispensation replaces the dispensation previously granted on 4 March 2015.**

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.

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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

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

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

**Robin Groth**

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

**Annex A**

Units	Vehicles
150 001	55200, 55400, 55300
150 002	55201, 55401, 55301
150 101	52101, 57101
150 102	52102, 57102
150 103	52103, 57103
150 104	52104, 57104
150 105	52105, 57105
150 106	52106, 57106
150 107	52107, 57107
150 108	52108, 57108
150 109	52109, 57109
150 110	52110, 57110
150 111	52111, 57111
150 112	52112, 57112
150 113	52113, 57113
150 114	52114, 57114
150 115	52115, 57115
150 116	52116, 57116
150 117	52117, 57117
150 118	52118, 57118
150 119	52119, 57119
150 120	52120, 57120
150 122	52122, 57122
150 123	52123, 57123
150 124	52124, 57124
150 125	52125, 57125
150 126	52126, 57126
150 128	52128, 57128
150 129	52129, 57129
150 130	52130, 57130

150 131	52131, 57131
150 132 to 150 150 inclusive	52132 to 52150 and 57132 to 57150 inclusive
150 201	52201 and 57201
150 202	52202, 57202
150 203	52203, 57203
150 204	52204, 57204
150 205	52205, 57205
150 206	52206, 57206
150 207	52207, 57207
150 209	57209, 57212
150 210	52210, 57210
150 211	52211, 57211
150 214	52214, 57214
150 215	52215, 57215
150 216	52216, 57216
150 218	52218 and 57218
150 220	52220 and 57220
150 222	52222 to 57222
150 223	52223 and 57223
150 224	52223 and 57223
150 225	52225 and 57225
150 226	52226 and 57226

## **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