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Dear [REDACTED],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 322 - 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 Class 322 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 is granted.

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,

[Signed]

Robin Groth

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Unit Number	Vehicle Numbers
322 481 to 322 485	78163 to 78167 63137 to 63141 72023 to 72027 77985 to 77989

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 (para 1)	Door obstacle detection
4.2.2.4.2.2 (para 1)	Visual door closure indicator – illumination cessation on closure
4.2.2.4.1 (para 4)	Arrangement of door open and close buttons
4.2.2.5	Vehicle access step illumination
4.2.2.12.1	Platform step/gap
4.2.2.8.3 (para 16)	Passenger Information System RASTI levels
4.2.2.6.2 para 2	Minimum useable door width on standard toilet door
4.2.2.6.2 para 8	Fixed vertical and/or horizontal handrails by the standard toilet wash basin