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Dear Sirs

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Classes 220 and 221 - 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 current or future versions of 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 part of trains known as Classes 220 and 221, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with that part of the PRM TSI listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

This replaces the dispensation, for Class 221s only, which was issued on 29 January 2013.

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.

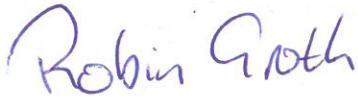
¹ SI 3066/2011

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. A copy has also been sent to Virgin Trains and CrossCountry, the current operators.

Yours sincerely,



Robin Groth
signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles
220 001 to 220 034 inclusive	60701 to 60734 and 60201 to 60234 inclusive
221 101 to 221 144 inclusive	60751 to 60794, 60851 to 60890 and 60951 to 60994 inclusive

Annex B

4.2.2.2.1 para 6 and Figure 1 (clear headroom above priority seats)
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