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Dear [REDACTED],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 321/9 - 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 321/9 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
321 901 to 321 903	63153 to 63155 72128 to 72130 77990 to 77992 77993 to 77995

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