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Dear [REDACTED]

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – First Greater Western Limited Class 166/2 - 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 166/2, 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

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

upgrade or renewal that requires an authorisation under RIR 2011 after this dispensation is granted.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Unit Number	Vehicle Number	Vehicle Number	Vehicle Number
166201	58101	58601	58122
166202	58102	58602	58123
166203	58103	58603	58124
166204	58104	58604	58125
166205	58105	58605	58126
166206	58106	58606	58127
166207	58107	58607	58128
166208	58108	58608	58129
166209	58109	58609	58130
166210	58110	58610	58131
166211	58111	58611	58132
166212	58112	58612	58133
166213	58113	58613	58134
166214	58114	58614	58135
166215	58115	58615	58136
166216	58116	58616	58137
166217	58117	58617	58138
166218	58118	58618	58139
166219	58119	58619	58140
166220	58120	58620	58141
166221	58121	58621	58142

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 (final para)	Height of exterior door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1.(para 9)	Door closure warning cessation before doors start to close.
4.2.2.4.1 (para 4)	Arrangement of open/close buttons
4.2.2.4.2.2 (para 1)	Illumination of door control buttons
4.2.2.5	Vehicle access step illumination
4.2.2.12.2 (paras 2-4)	Height/depth of external steps
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.10 (para 1)	Handrail clearance (luggage rack only)
4.2.2.2.1 (para 2)	Height of seatback handholds
4.2.2.10 (para 1) and 4.2.2.6.2 (para 2)	Door width and handholds in standard toilet cubicle
4.2.2.2.2.1 (para 4)	Fixed armrests on priority seats (declassified first class only)