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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 158 TfW Rail – 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 158, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

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

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.

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
158818 to 158841	52818 to 52841	57818 to 57841

Annex B

4.2.2.3 para 6	Total length of wheelchair space
4.2.2.3 para 10	Width of tipping screen in wheelchair space
4.2.2.4.3.2 para 1	Interior door push button illuminated bezel
4.2.2.5	Vehicle access step illumination
4.2.2.12.1 as amended by 7.4.1.3.2	Platform step/gap
4.2.2.12.2	Width of colour contrast band on external step
4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Height of seatback handholds
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height range of the external door handrails
4.2.2.10 para 1	Profile of the external door handrails
	Internal radii of handrails
4.2.2.4.3.1 para 6	Height of interior door control button
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information displays
4.2.2.8.1 para 5	Passenger Information System display (squashed descenders)
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1 and 2	Design of safety, warning and mandatory signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Passenger Information System RASTI levels
4.2.2.6.2	Standard toilet door lock height
4.2.2.6.2	Standard toilet door width
4.2.2.6.3.1 Paras 1, 6 and 8	Features of Universal Accessible Toilet
4.2.2.6.3.2	Dimensions of baby change table
4.2.2.7 para 3	Throughway from vestibule to wheelchair space
4.2.2.7 para 4	Wheelchair turning circle for adjacent wheelchair spaces