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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 159 - 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 159, 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
SWR			
159001 to 159022	52873 to 52894	58718 to 58739	57873 to 57894
159101 to 159108	52800, 52801, 52803 to 52805, 52807, 52809, 52811	58701, 58703 to 58705, 58707, 58709, 58711, 58717	57800, 57801, 57803 to 57805, 57807, 57809, 57811

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 Last para	Height of door control buttons
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 1	Provision of seatback handholds
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	Existing internal PIS displays less than 20% 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, 8 and 9	Features of Universal Accessible Toilet
4.2.2.6.3.2	Dimensions of baby change table
4.2.2.7 para 3	Width of throughway from vestibule to wheelchair space