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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 313/2 - 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 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 the trains known as Class 313/2 need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 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.

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,

Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles
313201 to 313217	62529-62546, 71213-71232, 62593-62612
313219	62547, 71231, 62611
313220	62548, 71232, 62612

Annex B

4.2.2.2.2.1 para 3	Location of priority seats
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of open/close door buttons
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 9	Timing of door control warning sound
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.10 para 1	Clearance from handrails
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height of handrails in entrance
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.5	Door threshold illumination
4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Seatback handhold height
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information screen
4.2.2.8.3 para 4 and 16	Passenger information screen visibility
4.2.4.8.3 para 4	Next stop visual information
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1	Safety signage
4.2.2.8.2.2 para 3 and 4	Safety signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Audible passenger information
4.2.2.3 para 11	Wheelchair space companion seat