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Dear [REDACTED]

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150/2 - 2020 accessibility deadline**

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup> (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 standards<sup>2</sup>) 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 150/2, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC<sup>3</sup>.**

**This dispensation replaces the dispensation previously granted on 11 May 2015.**

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<sup>1</sup> SI 3066/2011

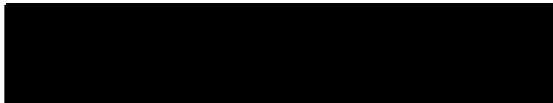
<sup>2</sup> The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 or Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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
150 208	52208 and 57208
150 213	52213 and 57213
150 217	52217 and 57217
150 219	52219 and 57219
150 221	52221 and 57221
150 227	52227 and 57227
150 228*	52228 and 57228
150 229 to 150 267	52229 to 52267 and 57229 to 57267
150 268 to 150 277*	52268 to 52277 and 57268 to 57277
150 278 to 150 285	52278 to 52285 and 57278 to 57285

**Annex B**

4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door Sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 last para	Height of door control buttons
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Door Push Button illumination
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Orientation of door push buttons
4.2.2.5	Vehicle access step illumination
4.2.2.12.1	Platform step/gap
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height range of the external door handrails
4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Seatback handhold height (Not units marked*)
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information displays
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Passenger Information System RASTI levels
4.2.2.3 para 10	Width of Wheelchair backstops