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Dear Mr Walmsley

**The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 170/1 end cars - 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 current or future versions of 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 end vehicles of trains known as Class 170/1, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC<sup>3</sup>.**

<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,



**Robin Groth**  
signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

**Annex A**

Units	Vehicles
170 101 to 170 117 inclusive	50101 to 50117 and 79101 to 79117 inclusive

**Annex B**

4.2.2.3 para 10 (width of wheelchair support)
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para (height of door close control)
4.2.2.6.3.1 para 11 (height of lower alarm in universal access toilet)
4.2.2.10 para 4 (height of handrail in doorway)