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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Mark 4 coaches - 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 fleet of coaches known as Mark 4 owned by Eversholt UK Rails Group, 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.

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

Vehicles
10300 to 10333 (but not 10314 or 10327)
11201, 11219, 11229, 11237, 11241, 11244, 11273, 11277 to 11299
11301 to 11330
11401 to 11430, 11998, 11999
12200 to 12232 (but not 12206 or 12221)
12300 to 12331 (but not 12306)
12400 to 12489 (but not 12408, 12412, 12413, 12416, 12418, 12435, 12451, 12479, 12482 or 12487), 12513 to 12522 (but not 12516, 12517, 12521), 12526, 12533, 12534 and 12538

Annex B

4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.6.2 para 2	Door width on standard toilet
4.2.2.6.3.2 paras 1 & 2	Baby change table specifications
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1 & 3	Signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.12.2 para 2	Dimensions of door threshold strip
4.2.2.12.2 paras 2-4	Depth of step plate