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Dear ██████████

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Classes 465 and 466 - 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 465/2, 465/9 and 466, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

¹ SI 3066/2011

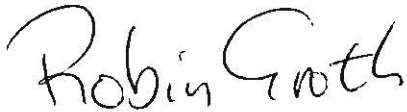
² The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 or Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010

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,



Robin Groth
signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Units	Vehicles
465 235 to 465 250 inclusive	65734 to 65749, 72787 to 72818, and 65784 to 65799 inclusive
465 901 to 465 934 inclusive	65700 to 65733, 72719 to 72786, and 65750 to 65783 inclusive
466 001 to 466 043 inclusive	64860 to 64902, 78312 to 78354 inclusive

Annex B

4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Force to operate door control
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.4.3.1 para 6	Height of door controls
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.2.1 paras 1 & 2	Signage
4.2.2.8.3 paras 1	Lack of external bodyside PIS displays
4.2.2.8.3 paras 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step
4.2.2.12.2 para 4	Height of riser between step-board and floor