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Dear [redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Eversholt Class 455/8 - 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, collectively known as Eversholt Class 455/8, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

This letter replaces the previous dispensation letter for these vehicles granted on 19 April 2018

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

Units	Vehicles
455 801 to 455 846	77579 to 77670, 62709 to 62754 and 71637 to 71682

Annex B

4.2.2.2.1 para 1	Height of seatback handhold
4.2.2.2.2.1 para 6	Width of priority seats
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	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.1 para 5 & 6	Partially squashed text on PIS
4.2.2.8.4 para 1	PIS text scrolling speed
4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1	Signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Passenger Information volume: Measure against RASTI levels
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step