

The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Waterloo & City Line) Exemption Order 2019

The Secretary of State makes the following Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), (4)(b), (5) and (7) and 207(1) and (4) of the Equality Act 2010(a).

In accordance with section 183(4) of the Equality Act 2010 the Secretary of State has consulted with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee(b) and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Waterloo & City Line) Exemption Order 2019 and comes into force on 1st January 2020.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the 2010 Regulations” means the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010(c);

“exempt vehicle” means a rail vehicle of the type known as 92 Tube Stock and operated on the Waterloo & City line;

“Waterloo & City Line” means the London Underground route between Waterloo and Bank stations.

Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. An exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Waterloo & City Line even if it does not conform to, or is used in a manner that does not conform to, one or more of the following requirements—

- (a) paragraph 8(2) (requiring that the floor of the vestibule to a passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle contrasts with the adjoining floor);
- (b) paragraph 8(6) (band of single colour at passenger doorway contrasting with adjoining floor);
- (c) paragraph 10(1)(a) (positions of handrails close to passenger doorways), provided the handrails extend vertically to a point not less than 1135 millimetres above the floor;
- (d) paragraph 10(4)(d) (passenger handrail to contrast with adjacent parts of the rail vehicle);
- (e) paragraph 10(6)(c) (handrail clearance in a narrow width vehicle), provided there is not less than 35 millimetres' clearance between any part of the handrail and any other part of the rail vehicle, excluding the mountings of the handrail to the vehicle;
- (f) paragraph 11(5) (passenger information when vehicle is stationary) in relation to the requirement to use a public address system fitted inside an exempt vehicle to announce the next stop;
- (g) paragraph 11(15) (display not to be written in capital letters only);

(a) 2010 c. 15.

(b) The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee was established under section 125 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) and has a statutory duty to provide the Government with advice on the public passenger transport needs of disabled people.

(c) S.I. 2010/432, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (h) paragraph 13(3) (height of priority seats), provided the height of the priority seat's base is not less than 410 millimetres above the floor level;
- (i) paragraph 18(4) (number of wheelchair spaces required);
- (j) paragraph 20(10)(a) (position of handrail protruding from the ceiling), provided any such handrail does not protrude more than 451 millimetres into a wheelchair space.

Expiry

4. The exemptions in this order expire on the earlier of—

- (a) the time when all of the exempt vehicles comply with all of the requirements of the 2010 Regulations;
- (b) 2am on 1st January 2025.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department of Transport

Date