

The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (London Underground Piccadilly Line 73 Tube Stock) 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) (London Underground Piccadilly Line 73 Tube Stock) Exemption Order 2019 and comes into force on 01 January 2020.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“exempt vehicle” means a rail vehicle of the type known as 73 Tube Stock and operated on the Piccadilly Line;

“multi-function area” means an area inside a rail vehicle that has been designated for wheelchairs, luggage or standing passengers;

“Piccadilly Line” means the London Underground route between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminals 1, 2 and 3, Heathrow Terminal 4, Heathrow Terminal 5 and Uxbridge stations;

“step-free access” means access from the station entrance to platform level without the use of stairs or escalators.

(2) Unless otherwise stated, in this Order a reference to a numbered paragraph is a reference to that paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010(c).

Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. Subject to articles 4 and 6, an exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Piccadilly Line even if it does not conform with, or is used in a manner that does not conform with the requirements of—

- (a) paragraph 1(1) (boarding devices at wheelchair-compatible doorways) in relation to a wheelchair-compatible doorway when it is open at a platform at a station named in the Schedule to this Order;
- (b) paragraph 10(1)(a) (positions of handrails close to passenger doorways on the inside of rail vehicles);
- (c) 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;

(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.

(d) paragraph 18 (number of wheelchair spaces required in rail vehicle or train).

Conditions

4. The exemption from paragraph 10(1), set out in article 3(b) only applies in the following instances—

- (a) where the doorway has a single door, there is a handrail extending vertically from a point not more than 700 millimetres above the floor to a point not less than 1200 millimetres above the floor, on one side of the doorway;
- (b) where a multi-function area is located below a handrail, the handrail extends vertically from a point not more than 750 millimetres above the floor to a point not less than 1200 millimetres above the floor.

Expiry

5. The exemption from paragraph 1(1), set out in article 3(a) expires—

- (a) in relation to an exempt vehicle that is at a platform listed in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order, when step-free access is provided to that platform or at 2am on 1st January 2027, whichever occurs first;
- (b) in relation to an exempt vehicle that is at a platform listed in the table in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order, at 2am on the day specified in that table for that platform.

6. The exemptions in articles 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d) expire at 2am on 1st January 2027.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Date

Peter Wilkinson
Managing Director, Passenger Services
Department for Transport

SCHEDULE

Article 3(a)

Part 1

<i>Station</i>	<i>Platform</i>
Alperton	1, 2
Arnos Grove	1, 2, 3, 4
Arsenal	1, 2
Baron's Court	2, 3
Bounds Green	1, 2
Chiswick Park	1, 2
Covent Garden	1, 2
Ealing Common	1, 2
Eastcote	1, 2
Gloucester Road	4, 5
Hatton Cross	1, 2
Hillingdon	1, 2
Holborn	3, 4
Holloway Road	1, 2
Hounslow Central	1, 2
Hyde Park Corner	1, 2

Leicester Square	1, 2
Manor House	1, 2
Northfields	2, 3
Piccadilly Circus	3, 4
Ravenscourt Park	2, 3
Rayners Lane	1, 2
Ruislip Manor	1, 2
Russell Square	1, 2
South Ealing	2, 3
South Harrow	1, 2
South Kensington	3, 4
Southgate	1, 2
Sudbury Town	1, 2
Turnham Green	2, 3
Turnpike Lane	1, 2
Uxbridge	1, 2, 3, 4
Wood Green	1, 2

Part 2

<i>Station</i>	<i>Platform</i>	<i>Expiry Date</i>
Cockfosters	1, 2, 3, 4	1st April 2020
Ickenham	1, 2	1st January 2021
Osterley	1, 2	1st September 2020
Sudbury Hill	1, 2	1st January 2021
Knightsbridge	1, 2	1st January 2022
Boston Manor	1, 2	1st April 2024
North Ealing	1, 2	1st April 2024
Park Royal	1, 2	1st April 2024
Ruislip	1, 2	1st April 2024