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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 442s - 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 442s need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³ and is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- a. The dispensation applies to operation of the vehicles by the operator of, and within the geographical area covered by, the South Western Franchise only;
- b. The existing level of accessibility standards compliance is maintained;
- c. Information on non-compliant features of vehicles and alternative travel options is readily available to passengers to assist with informed journey planning.

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

- d. The permission granted by this dispensation to the operator of the South Western Franchise and any successor operator of that Franchise will terminate on 18 August 2024.

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 is granted.

I have copied this dispensation to the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Wilkinson

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Unit	Vehicles				
442402	77383	71819	62938	71843	77407
442403	77384	71820	62941	71844	77408
442404	77385	71821	62939	71845	77409
442406	77389	71823	62942	71847	77411
442408	77387	71825	62945	71849	77413
442409	77390	71826	62946	71850	77414
442410	77391	71827	62948	71851	77415
442411	77392	71828	62940	71858	77422
442413	77394	71830	62949	71854	77418
442414	77395	71831	62950	71855	77419
442415	77396	71832	62951	71856	77420
442416	77397	71833	62952	71857	77421
442417	77398	71834	62953	71852	77416
442418	77399	71835	62954	71859	77423
442419	77400	71836	62955	71860	77424
442420	77401	71837	62956	71861	77425
442422	77403	71839	62958	71863	77427
442423	77404	71840	62959	71864	77428

Annex B

4.2.2.4.2.1 para 9	Audible warnings when external doors open/close.
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 2	Width of exterior passenger doorways
4.2.2.4.2.1 last para	Height of exterior door button controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 1st para	Vestibule door push button force .
4.2.2.4.1 4th para	Arrangement of door buttons (close over open)
4.2.2.5	Vehicle threshold illumination
4.2.2.12.2 paras 2 - 4	Depth of internal steps for external access.
4.2.2.12.1 (as amended by GB specific case in 7.4.1.3.2)	Platform/train stepping distance
4.2.2.10 para 4	Vertical handrail in every external doorway
4.2.2.10 para 1	Handrail diameter
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information display
4.2.2.8.2.2 para 3	Call for aid signage
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Audio announcements compliance with RASTI
4.2.2.6.2 para 3	Height of standard toilet door lock
4.2.2.6.2 para 2	Width of standard toilet door
4.2.2.7 para 3	Width of wheelchair throughway
4.2.2.12.3.6 para 4	Width of manual boarding ramp
4.2.2.12.3.6 para 9	Gradient of manual boarding ramp when deployed