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Dear [Redacted],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Cross-Country HST vehicles - 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 Cross-Country HSTs need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2014 in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

This letter replaces the letter previously issued on 14 November 2019.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hotchkiss', with a horizontal line underneath.

Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Vehicles
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Annex B

4.2.2.1.1(2)	Height of seatback handholds
4.2.2.1.2.1 (1)	Priority seating: Catering vehicle
4.2.2.2 (4)	Dimensions of wheelchair space

4.2.2.6 & UK Specific case 7.3.2.4	Clearway to priority seat
4.2.2.6 (3)	Wheelchair turning circle
4.2.2.7.2 (7)	Height of font used for seat labels
4.2.2.7.3 (1)	Bodyside passenger information displays
4.2.2.7.3 (4)	The next stop display visibility.
4.2.2.7.4 (5)	Standards for quality of audio announcements
4.2.2.9 (2)	Radius of handrails
4.2.2.11.1 (1)	Platform gap stepping distances
5.3.2.2.(3)	Force required to operate standard toilet door lock and UAT hinged handrail
5.3.2.2.(4)	Toilet door controls contrast
5.3.2.3 (2)	Toilet door width.
5.3.2.3 (3)	Provision of a fixed vertical and/or horizontal handrail adjacent to the toilet seat and the wash basin.
5.3.2.4. (3)	Accessible toilet door partial re-open
5.3.2.4 (4)	Height of toilet seat
5.3.2.5 (1)	Dimensions of and force to deploy nappy change table.
5.3.2.9 (1)	Maximum slope of manual boarding ramp