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Dear [Redacted],

**The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Abellio Scotrail HST sets - 2020 accessibility deadline**

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup> (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 standards<sup>2</sup>) 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 Abellio Scotrail Short Formed HSTs need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2014 in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC<sup>3</sup>.**

This letter replaces the letter of dispensation granted on 14 November 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> SI 3066/2011

<sup>2</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> 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**

<b>TGFB</b>	<b>TSD</b>	<b>TS</b>	<b>TSL</b>
40601 (41032)	42004	42561	42046
40602 (41038)	42292	42562	42045
40603 (41006)	42021	42557	42143
40604 (41024)	42183	42559	42343
40605 (41094)	42345	42034	42184
40606 (41104)	42206	42581	42208
40607 (41136)	42207	42574	42288
40608 (41122)	42055	42571	42019
40609 (41020)	42253	42107	42257
40610 (41103)	42360	42551	42252
40611 (41130)	42267	42325	42301
40612 (41134)	42275	42576	42276
40613 (41135)	42279	42280	42296
40614 (41010)	42012	42245	42013
40615 (41022)	42030	42579	42010
40616 (41142)	42291	42577	42075
40617 (41144)	42295	42558	42250
40618 (41016)	42297	42555	42014
40619 (41124)	42255	42575	42256
40620 (41158)	42200	42568	42129
40621 (41146)	42299	42300	42277
40622 (41052)	42007	42564	42145

40623 (41180)	42268	42567	42269
40624 (41116)	42265	42553	42293
40625 (41137)	42259	42578	42333
40626 (41012)	42281	42072	42350
			42056
			42078
			42077
			42144
			42185
			42029
			42009
			42023
			42096
			42351
			42033
			42035
			42209
			42032
			42213
			42047
			42054

## **Annex B**

<b>4.2.2.1.1(2)</b>	Height of seatback handholds
<b>4.2.2.3.1(3)</b>	Back panel contrast with door button
<b>4.2.2.7.3(4)</b>	The next stop display visibility from wheelchair space
<b>4.2.2.7.4(5)</b>	Standards for quality of audio announcements
<b>4.2.2.9(2)</b>	Radius of handrails
<b>4.2.2.11.1(1)</b>	Platform gap stepping distances
<b>5.3.2.2 (2)</b>	A visual and tactile (or audible) indication given inside and outside the toilet to indicate when locked.
<b>5.3.2.3 (2)</b>	Standard toilet door width
<b>5.3.2.3 (3)</b>	Provision of a fixed vertical and/or horizontal handrail adjacent to the toilet seat and the wash basin.
<b>5.3.2.4 (9)</b>	Height of toilet seat
<b>5.3.2.9 (1)</b>	Maximum slope of manual boarding ramp