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Dear [Redacted],

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150/2 - 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 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 sub-fleet of trains known as Class 150/2, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC<sup>3</sup>.**

**This letter replaces the dispensation previously granted on 11 December 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>Units</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>
150208	52208 and 57208
150213	52213 and 57213
150217	52217 and 57217
150219	52219 and 57219
150221	52221 and 57221
150227	52227 and 57227
150228*	52228 and 57228
150229 to 150267	52229 to 52267 and 57229 to 57267
150268 to 150277*	52268 to 52277 and 57268 to 57277
150278 to 150285	52278 to 52285 and 57278 to 57285

### **Annex B**

4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door Sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 last para	Height of door control buttons
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Door Push Button illumination
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Orientation of door push buttons
4.2.2.5	Vehicle access step illumination
4.2.2.12.1	Platform step/gap
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height range of the external door handrails

4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Seatback handhold height (Not units marked*)
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information displays
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Passenger Information System RASTI levels
4.2.2.3 para 10	Width of Wheelchair backstops