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Dear [Redacted],

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150, 150/1 and 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, 150/1 and 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 dispensation letter replaces the dispensation previously granted on 18 May 2018.**

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.

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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

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>Unit</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>		
<b>150001</b>	55200	55400	55300
<b>150002</b>	55201	55401	55301
<b>150925</b>	52125	57209	57125
<b>150926</b>	52126	57212	57126
<b>150101</b>	52101	57101	
<b>150102</b>	52102	57102	
<b>150103</b>	52103	57103	
<b>150104</b>	52104	57104	
<b>150105</b>	52105	57105	
<b>150106</b>	52106	57106	
<b>150107</b>	52107	57107	
<b>150108</b>	52108	57108	
<b>150109</b>	52109	57109	
<b>150112</b>	52112	57112	
<b>150114</b>	52114	57114	
<b>150113</b>	52113	57113	
<b>150115</b>	52115	57115	
<b>150116</b>	52116	57116	
<b>150117</b>	52117	57117	
<b>150118</b>	52118	57118	
<b>150119</b>	52119	57119	
<b>150120</b>	52120	57120	
<b>150121</b>	52121	57121	
<b>150123</b>	52123	57123	
<b>150124</b>	52124	57124	
<b>150127</b>	52127	57127	
<b>150128</b>	52128	57128	

<b>150129</b>	52129	57129	
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<b>150149</b>	52149	57149	
<b>150150</b>	52150	57150	
<b>150202</b>	52202	57202	
<b>150203</b>	52203	57203	
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<b>150205</b>	52205	57205	
<b>150206</b>	52206	57206	
<b>150207</b>	52207	57207	
<b>150211</b>	52211	57211	
<b>150214</b>	52214	57214	
<b>150215</b>	52215	57215	
<b>150216</b>	52216	57216	
<b>150218</b>	52218	57218	
<b>150220</b>	52220	57220	
<b>150222</b>	52220	57220	
<b>150223</b>	52221	57221	
<b>150224</b>	52222	57222	
<b>150225</b>	52223	57223	

## **Annex B**

<b>4.2.2.2.1 para 2</b>	Height of handhold
<b>4.2.2.4.1 para 4</b>	Arrangement of door controls
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1 final para</b>	Height of door controls
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1</b>	Door sensitive edges
<b>4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1</b>	Timing of door control illumination
<b>4.2.2.5</b>	Illumination of step/floor threshold
<b>4.2.2.8.2.1 para 1</b>	Signage
<b>4.2.2.8.3 para 1</b>	Lack of external bodyside PIS displays
<b>4.2.2.8.3 para 16</b>	Volume of announcements
<b>4.2.2.10 para 4</b>	Length of handrail in external door vestibule
<b>4.2.2.12.1</b>	Platform/train gap & step