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Dear [Redacted],

### **The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 317/7 and 317/8 Arriva Rail London - 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 Class 317/7 and 317/8 owned by Angel Trains Limited 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> and is subject to compliance with the following conditions:**

- a. The dispensation applies to operation of the vehicles listed in the Annex A by Arriva Rail London only;
- b. The existing level of accessibility standards compliance is maintained;

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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

- c. Information on non-compliant features of vehicles and alternative travel options is readily available to passengers to assist with informed journey planning.
- d. The operator reports to the Secretary of State on progress to replace the vehicles every 28 consecutive days from 1 January 2020 until the dispensation expires.
- e. The permission granted by this dispensation to Arriva Rail London expires at 23:59 on 30 June 2020.

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,

**Peter Wilkinson**

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

**Annex A**

<b>Units</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>
317708	77007 62668 71584 77055
317709	77008 62669 71585 77056
317710	77009 62670 71586 77057
317714	77013 62674 71590 77061
317719	77018 62679 71595 77066
317723	77022 62683 71599 77070
317729	77028 62689 71605 77076
317732	77031 62692 71608 77079
317887	77043 62704 71606 77077
317888	77030 62691 71607 77078
317889	77032 62693 71609 77080
317890	77033 62694 71610 77081
317891	77034 62695 71611 77082
317892	77035 62696 71612 77083

## Annex B

<b>4.2.2.2.1 para 2</b>	Seatback handhold height
<b>4.2.2.2.1 para 3</b>	Handrails in longitudinal seating area
<b>4.2.2.3. para 1</b>	Number of wheelchair spaces (317-7/317-8 coupling only)
<b>4.2.2.3 para 12-15</b>	Call for aid in wheelchair space
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1 final para</b>	Height of door controls
<b>4.2.2.4.3.1 para 6</b>	Priority seat height
<b>4.2.2.4.1 para 2 &amp; 3</b>	Push button colour contrast and push force
<b>4.2.2.5</b>	Door threshold illumination
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1. para 6</b>	Vestibule flooring contrast
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1 para 7</b>	Door enabled tone
<b>4.2.2.4.2.1 para 8</b>	Audio visual door closure warnings
<b>4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1 &amp; 2</b>	Door button push forces and tactile marking
<b>4.2.2.8.3 para 1</b>	Bodyside passenger information screen
<b>4.2.2.8.3 para 4 and 16</b>	Passenger information screen visibility
<b>4.2.2. 10 para 4</b>	Height of handrail in doorway
<b>4.2.2.12.1</b>	Platform/train gap & step