

The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Central Line 92 Tube Stock) Exemption Order 2019

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), (4)(b), (5) and (7) and 207 (1) and (4) of the Equality Act 2010(a).

In accordance with section 183(4) of the Equality Act 2010 the Secretary of State has consulted with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee(b) and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Central Line 92 Tube Stock) Exemption Order 2019 and comes into force on 1st January 2020.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“2010 Regulations” means the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010(c);

“exempt vehicle” means a rail vehicle of the type known as 92 Tube Stock and operated on the Central line;

“Central Line” means the London Underground route between Epping, Ealing Broadway and West Ruislip stations;

“step-free access” means access from the station entrance to platform level without the use of stairs or escalators;

“wheelchair-compatible gap” means a gap as described in paragraph 1(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the 2010 Regulations;

“wheelchair-compatible doorway” has the same meaning as in the 2010 Regulations.

Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. An exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Central Line even if it does not conform to, or is used in a manner that does not conform to, one or more of the following requirements of the following paragraphs in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the 2010 Regulations—

- (a) paragraph 1(1) (boarding devices at wheelchair-compatible doorways) in relation to a wheelchair-compatible doorway when it is open at a platform listed in Part 1 or Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order;
- (b) paragraph 8(2) (requiring that the floor of the vestibule to a passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle contrasts with the adjoining floor);
- (c) paragraph 8(6) (band of single colour at passenger doorway contrasting with adjoining floor);
- (d) paragraph 10(1)(a) (positions of handrails close to passenger doorways), provided the handrails extend vertically to a point not less than 1135 millimetres above the floor;

(a) 2010 c. 15.

(b) The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee was established under section 125 of the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67) and has a statutory duty to provide the Government with advice on the public passenger transport needs of disabled people.

(c) S.I. 2010/432.

- (e) paragraph 10(4)(d) (passenger handrail fitted to contrast with adjacent parts of the rail vehicle);
- (f) paragraph 10(6)(c) (handrail in a narrow width vehicle), provided there is not less than 35 millimetres' clearance between any part of the handrail and any other part of the rail vehicle, excluding the mountings of the handrail to the vehicle;
- (g) paragraph 11(1) (public address system for audible and visual announcements);
- (h) paragraph 11(5) (passenger information when vehicle is stationary) in relation to the requirement to use a public address system fitted inside an exempt vehicle to announce the next stop;
- (i) paragraph 11(15) (display not to be written in capital letters only);
- (j) paragraph 13(3) (height of priority seats), provided the height of the priority seat's base is not less than 410 millimetres above the floor level;
- (k) paragraph 18(4) (number of wheelchair spaces required);
- (l) paragraph 20(10) (a) (position of handrail protruding from the ceiling), provided any such handrail does not protrude more than 451 millimetres into a wheelchair space.

Expiry

- 4. Subject to Article 5, the exemptions in article 3 expire at 2am on 1 January 2025.
- 5. The exemption from paragraph 1(1), set out in article 3(a) expires—
 - (a) in relation to an exempt vehicle that is at a platform listed in Part 1 of the Schedule to this Order, when step-free access is provided to that platform or at 2am on 1st January 2025, whichever occurs first;
 - (b) in relation to an exempt vehicle that is at a platform listed in the table in Part 2 of the Schedule to this Order, at 2am on the day specified in that table for that platform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Peter Wilkinson
Managing Director, Passenger Services
Department for Transport

Date

SCHEDULE

Articles 3(a) and 5

Part 1

Station	Platforms
Ruislip Gardens	1, 2
South Ruislip	1, 2
West Acton	1, 2
North Acton	1, 2, 3
East Acton	1, 2
White City	1, 2
Shepherd's Bush	1, 2
Holland Park	1, 2
Notting Hill Gate	3, 4
Queensway	1, 2
Lancaster Gate	1, 2
Marble Arch	1, 2
Oxford Circus	1, 2
Holborn	1, 2

Station	Platforms
Chancery Lane	1, 2
St Paul's	1, 2
Bank	5, 6
Liverpool Street	4, 5
Bethnal Green	1, 2
Leyton	1, 2
Wanstead	1, 2
Redbridge	1, 2
Grants Hill	1, 2
Barkingside	1
Fairlop	1, 2
Grange Hill	1, 2
Chigwell	1, 2
Theydon Bois	1

Part 2

Station	Platforms	Date
West Ruislip	1, 2	1st January 2021
Hanger Lane	1, 2	
White City	3, 4	
Leytonstone	1, 2	
Woodford	2, 3	
Snaresbrook	1, 2	1st April 2024
Debden	1, 2	1st January 2021