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Heathrow Express,
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London Heathrow Airport,
Hounslow,
TW6 1AA

Dear [REDACTED],

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 332 Heathrow Express - 2020 accessibility deadline

Regulation 45 of the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011¹ (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 standards²) 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, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B when operated as 'Heathrow Express' services between London Paddington and Heathrow Airport. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

¹ SI 3066/2011

² 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

³ 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

Units	Vehicles				
332001	78400	72412	63400		78401
332002	78402	72409	63406		78403
332003	78404	72407	63402		78405
332004	78406	72405	63403		78407
332005	78408	72411	63404	72417	78409
332006	78410	72410	63405	72415	78411
332007	78412	72401	63401	72414	78413
332008	78414	72413	63407	72418	78415
332009	78416	72400	63408	72416	78417
332010	78418	72402	63409		78419
332011	78420	72403	63410		78421
332012	78422	72404	63411		78423
332013	78424	72408	63412		78425
332014	78426	72406	63413		78427

Annex B

Dispensation	Description
4.2.2.12.1	Platform step/gap
4.2.2.8.3 para 1	Bodyside passenger information displays
4.2.2.3 para 10	Width of wheelchair backstops
4.2.2.6.3.1 paras 6 & 7	Minimum clearance space inside the toilet compartment
4.2.2.6.3.2 paras 1, 2 & 3	Baby change facility