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Dear XXXXXXXX,

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 150, Class 150/1 and Class 150/2 - 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) set out in the Annex to Decision 2008/164/EC of the European Commission of 21 December 2007, or any amended version of it, or Commission Regulation 1300/2014 of the European Commission of 18 November 2014 which replaced it, or the National Technical Specification Notices on Persons of Reduced Mobility (NTSN-PRM) that replaced Commission Regulation 1300/2014 from 01 January 2021, or any variation of that NTSN, or any NTSN which replaces it (and/or defined domestic accessibility standards²) except to the extent that:

- a. a derogation from part of the PRM-TSI or NTSN-PRM was granted under Regulation 14 of RIR 2011 or an exemption from part of it has been granted under regulations 14 and 14A of RIR 2011;
- b. a determination that part of the PRM-TSI or NTSN-PRM does not apply has been made under Regulation 13(8) of RIR 2011; or
- c. a dispensation that part of the PRM-TSI or NTSN-PRM 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 150, Class 150/1 and Class 150/2 need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the NTSN-PRM listed in Annex B. 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

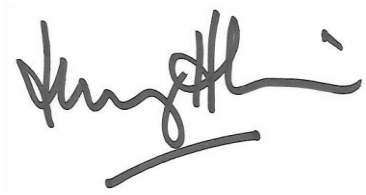
³ The Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee

This dispensation letter replaces the dispensation previously granted on 18 September 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 Angel Trains Limited and the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hotchkiss', with a horizontal line underneath.

Jeremy Hotchkiss

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

| Units | Vehicles | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| 150001 | 55200 | 55400 | 55300 |
| 150002 | 55201 | 55401 | 55301 |
| 150003 | 52116 | 57209 | 57116 |
| 150004 | 52112 | 57212 | 57112 |
| 150005 | 52117 | 52223 | 57117 |
| 150006 | 52147 | 57223 | 57147 |
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| 150101 | 52101 | 57101 | |
| 150102 | 52102 | 57102 | |
| 150103 | 52103 | 57103 | |
| 150104 | 52104 | 57104 | |
| 150105 | 52105 | 57105 | |
| 150106 | 52106 | 57106 | |
| 150107 | 52107 | 57107 | |
| 150108 | 52108 | 57108 | |
| 150109 | 52109 | 57109 | |
| 150110 | 52110 | 57110 | |
| 150111 | 52111 | 57111 | |
| 150113 | 52113 | 57113 | |
| 150114 | 52114 | 57114 | |
| 150115 | 52115 | 57115 | |
| 150118 | 52118 | 57118 | |
| 150119 | 52119 | 57119 | |
| 150120 | 52120 | 57120 | |
| 150121 | 52121 | 57121 | |
| 150122 | 52122 | 57122 | |
| 150123 | 52123 | 57123 | |
| 150124 | 52124 | 57124 | |
| 150125 | 52125 | 57125 | |
| 150126 | 52126 | 57126 | |
| 150127 | 52127 | 57127 | |
| 150128 | 52128 | 57128 | |
| 150129 | 52129 | 57129 | |
| 150130 | 52130 | 57130 | |
| 150131 | 52131 | 57131 | |
| 150132 | 52132 | 57132 | |
| 150133* | 52133 | 57133 | |
| 150134* | 52134 | 57134 | |
| 150135* | 52135 | 57135 | |
| 150136* | 52136 | 57136 | |
| 150137* | 52137 | 57137 | |
| 150138* | 52138 | 57138 | |
| 150139* | 52139 | 57139 | |

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| 150140* | 52140 | 57140 |
| 150141* | 52141 | 57141 |
| 150142* | 52142 | 57142 |
| 150143* | 52143 | 57143 |
| 150144* | 52144 | 57144 |
| 150145* | 52145 | 57145 |
| 150146* | 52146 | 57146 |
| 150148* | 52148 | 57148 |
| 150149* | 52149 | 57149 |
| 150150* | 52150 | 57150 |
| | | |
| 150201* | 52201 | 57201 |
| 150203* | 52203 | 57203 |
| 150204 | 52204 | 57204 |
| 150205* | 52205 | 57205 |
| 150206 | 52206 | 57206 |
| 150210 | 52210 | 57210 |
| 150211* | 52211 | 57211 |
| 150214 | 52214 | 57214 |
| 150215* | 52215 | 57215 |
| 150218* | 52218 | 57218 |
| 150220 | 52220 | 57220 |
| 150222* | 52222 | 57222 |
| 150224* | 52224 | 57224 |
| 150225* | 52225 | 57225 |
| 150226 | 52226 | 57226 |

Annex B

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| 4.2.2.1.1. (2) | Height of handhold |
| 4.2.2.3.1. (5) | Arrangement of door controls |
| 4.2.2.3.2. (15) | Height of door controls |
| 4.2.2.3.2. (9) | Timing of door control illumination |
| 4.2.2.7.3. (1) | Lack of external bodyside PIS displays |
| 4.2.2.7.4. (5) | Volume of announcements |
| 4.2.2.9. (4) and (5) | Provision of a single handrail on vehicles marked* |
| 4.2.2.9. (4) and (5) | Length and position of handrail in external door vestibule |
| 4.2.2.11.1. (1) | Platform/train gap & step |