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Dear [Redacted]

The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Abellio Scotrail HST sets - 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 current or future versions of 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, which form the trains known as Abellio Scotrail Short Formed HSTs need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2014 in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³ and is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- a. The dispensation applies to operation of the vehicles by Abellio Scotrail only;
- b. The existing level of accessibility standards compliance is maintained;

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

- 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 refurbish the vehicles every 28 consecutive days from 1 January 2020 until the dispensation expires.
- e. The permission granted by this dispensation to Abellio Scotrail expires at 23:59 on 31 December 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, Transport for Scotland and the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Wilkinson

signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Rake ID	TGS	TSD	TS	TF
HA1	44029	42255	42256	41124
HA2	44039	42295	42032	41144
HA3	44066	42206	42208	41104
HA4	44032	42267	42325	41130
HA5	44010	42030	42010	41022
HA6	44086	42200	42129	41158
HA31	44030	42344	42261	41126
HA32	44023	42069	42118	46010
HA33	44037	42287	42289	41140
Spare			42209	

Annex B

4.2.2.3.1(2) (3) and 5.3.2.1(1) and (2)	Force to latch or unlatch a manually operated door location of handle, contrast and tactile markings.
4.2.2.3.1(4)	Automated door controls
4.2.2.3.2(7- 13 and 16)	Audible door enabled tones
4.2.2.4(1)	Interior lux levels
4.2.2.7.3(3-9) and 5.3.2.7(2, 5) 4.2.2.7.3(1)	Dynamic visual information
4.2.2.1.1(2)	Height of seatback handholds
4.2.2.1.2.1 (1)	Priority seats in first class
4.2.2.7.4 (5)	Standards for quality of audio announcements (RASTI)
4.2.2.9 (1-5)	Handrails
4.2.2.11.1(1)	Platform gap stepping distances
4.2.2.11.2 (4)	Colour contrast band on step edges
4.2.2.2 (3)	Clearway when second wheelchair space in use
4.2.2.2 (6)	Width of wheelchair space tipping screen
4.2.2.2.(11- 14)	Wheelchair space call for aid
4.2.2.7.2. (1- 2)	Signage
5.3.2.4	Accessible toilet
5.3.2.2 (2)	A visual and tactile (or audible) indication given inside and outside the toilet to indicate when locked.
5.3.2.6 (3)	Visual indication that call for aid has been operated
5.3.2.3 (2)	Standard toilet door width
5.3.2.2(3),(4)	Force to operate any door control device, and other equipment inside the toilet compartment and contrast of toilet control devices.
5.3.2.3 (3)	Provision of a fixed vertical and/or horizontal handrail adjacent to the toilet seat and the wash basin.
5.3.2.4 (9)	Height of toilet seat
5.3.2.5 (1-2)	Baby change table – height and load bearing
5.3.2.9 (1)	Maximum slope of manual boarding ramp
5.3.2.9 (8)	Manual boarding ramp fixings
5.3.2.9 (2 and 5)	Width of manual boarding ramp and working load