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Dear Mr Bell

**The Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2011 – Class 319 units - 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, which form the fleet of trains known as Class 319, need not comply after 31 December 2019 with those parts of the PRM TSI 2008 listed in Annex B. This follows consultation with DPTAC³.

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.

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

I have copied this dispensation to the ORR for their information.

Yours sincerely,

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signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Annex A

Sub-Class	Units	Vehicles
319/0	319 001 to 319 013	77290 to 77315, 62891 to 62903 and 71772 to 71784
319/2	319 214 to 319 220	77316 to 77329, 62904 to 62910 and 71785 to 71791
319/3	319 361 to 319 386	77458 to 77984, 63043 to 63098 and 71929 to 71984
319/4	319 421 to 319 460	77330 to 77457, 62911 to 62974 and 71792 to 71879

Annex B

4.2.2.2.1 para 2	Height of seatback handholds (319/2 sub-class only)
4.2.2.2.2.1 para 4	Fixed armrests on priority seats (in first class on 319/2 and 319/4 sub classes only)
4.2.2.4.1 para 4	Arrangement of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.1 para 1	Door sensitive edges
4.2.2.4.2.1 final para	Height of door controls
4.2.2.4.2.2 para 1	Timing of door control illumination
4.2.2.4.3.1 para 6	Height of interior door handle (319/3 sub-class only)
4.2.2.5	Illumination of step/floor threshold
4.2.2.8.3 para 16	Volume of announcements
4.2.2.10 para 1	Clearance to handrails
4.2.2.10 para 4	Height of handrails in entrance
4.2.2.12.1	Platform/train gap & step