

THE RAIL VEHICLE ACCESSIBILITY (NON-INTEROPERABLE RAIL SYSTEM) (LONDON UNDERGROUND NORTHERN LINE 95TS VEHICLES) EXEMPTION ORDER 2018

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), (4)(a) and (5) 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) (London Underground Northern Line 95TS Vehicles) Exemption Order 2018 and comes into force on 31 July 2018.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 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 Northern Line 1995 Tube Stock (95TS) and with a number in the series 51501 to 51686, 51701 to 51726, 52501 to 52686, 52701 to 52726, 53501 to 53686 or 53701 to 53726;

“Northern Line” means the London Underground route between Edgware, High Barnett, Mill Hill East and Morden stations, via either Charing Cross or Bank stations, and once operational, the extension of the Northern Line to Battersea Power Station authorised by the London Underground (Northern Line Extension) Order 2014(d);

(2) In this Order a reference to a numbered paragraph is a reference to that paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the 2010 Regulations.

Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. Subject to article 4, an exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Northern Line even it does not conform with, or if it is used in a manner that does not conform with the requirements of paragraph 10(1)(a) (handrails on either side of passenger doorways), but only in so far as these apply to single doorways.

Conditions

4. The exemption from paragraph 10(1)(a), set out in article 3, only applies if—

- (a) A handrail is fitted on the inside as close as practicable to one side of the passenger doorways in the side of the vehicle; and
- (b) the handrail extends vertically from a point not more than 700 millimetres above the floor to a point not less than 1200 millimetres above the floor.

(a) 2010 c. 15, in these footnotes “the 2010 Act”. Section 183 was amended by the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20), schedule 10, Part 7, paragraphs 28 and 29. There are amendments to section 207 but they are not relevant to this Order.

(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, to which there are no amendments relevant to this Order.

(d) S.I. 2014/3102.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport



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Date

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