

# The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Southend Pier Railway) Exemption Order 2022

The Secretary of State makes the following Order, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), 4(a), and (7)(a) and 207(1) and (4) of the Equality Act 2010(b). The Order is being made in exercise of the Secretary of State's power in section 183(4)(a) as the Order is being made in the terms of the application for the Order.

In accordance with section 183(4) of the Equality Act 2010, the Secretary of State has consulted with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee(c) 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) (Southend Pier Railway) Exemption Order 2022 and comes into force on ...26 October 2022.

## Interpretation

2. – (1) In this Order—

“SPR/21 vehicle” means a vehicle built by SL Transportation Limited (trading as Severn Lamb) with a number in the series A1 - A6 or D1 – D6;

“Southend Pier Railway” means the rail line constructed in 1890 which connects the shore end of the Southend pier, where the North Station terminus is situated, to the pier head, where the South Station terminus is situated;

(2) Unless otherwise stated, in this Order a reference to a numbered paragraph is a reference to that paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010(d).

## Exemptions relating to facilities for disabled persons

3. A SPR/21 vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Southend Pier Railway, even if it does not conform to, or is used in a manner that does not conform to, one or both of the following requirements:

- (a) paragraph 13(3) (specifications for priority seat);
- (b) paragraph 20(4) (fitting at wheelchair space).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport



Date  
25 October 2022

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- (a) Section 183(7) of the Equality Act 2010 was inserted by the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), Schedule 10, paragraph 29(3).
  - (b) 2010 c. 15.
  - (c) 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.
  - (d) S.I. 2010/432, to which there are no amendments relevant to this Order.