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The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations

6. Products Concerned

The draft Regulations set technical standards for light rail vehicles used for passenger carriage in Great Britain to make them accessible to disabled people. For these purposes, "light rail vehicle" means those rail vehicles used on metro, underground or tram systems as well as prescribed modes of guided transport or which are otherwise not subject to the European rail accessibility standards provided for under the interoperability Directives.

7. Notification Under Another Act

Whilst the draft Regulations will not be notified under any other European Directives, we are intending to notify them as a "Notified National Technical Rule" for the purposes of the Interoperability regime introduced under Directives (96/48/EC, 2001/16/EC and 2004/50/EC).

8. Main Content

The draft Regulations set accessibility standards to ensure that disabled people, including those who need to travel in a wheelchair, can get on and off light rail vehicles in safety and travel in them in safety and reasonable comfort. They would apply to all new light rail vehicles introduced into service in Great Britain after 31 December (revoking and replacing the existing 1998 Regulations). They would also, for the first time, apply the standards to older light rail vehicles (those introduced before 31 December 1998) when they are refurbished and set an end date, of 1 January 2020, by which time all light rail vehicles must be compliant (or have an exemption in place). Enforcement would be made the responsibility of the Office of Rail Regulation, a government body which exercises regulatory powers and health and safety powers in relation to the UK rail system.

Key words: Rail Vehicles, Accessibility, Disabled People.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft Regulations seek to amend an existing regime in light of significant changes in the legislative landscape following the introduction of new European requirements for the accessibility of heavy rail vehicles (trains) through the Technical Specification of Interoperability for Persons with Reduced Mobility (Commission Decision 2008/164/EC). Amendments have been made to reflect this reduction in scope and in light of experience of operating under the current regime for over a decade. They will revoke and replace the Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 1998 [S.I. 1998/2456 as amended by S.I. 2000/3215].

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

e) No Basic Text but please see the "Explanatory Note" at the end of the draft Regulations.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No.

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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