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## **ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE ESTABLISHING THE BASIC REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANTING OF SUBSIDIES TO COMPANIES PROVIDING PERMANENT REGULAR PUBLIC PASSENGER ROAD TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR GENERAL USE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES.**

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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### 5. Title

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### 6. Products Concerned

The technical specifications set out in Annex I of the Draft Order apply to all vehicles for which the subsidies provided for therein are sought and that are to be used for the passenger transport services for which the Madrid Regional Transport Consortium is responsible.

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

NOT APPLICABLE

### 8. Main Content

The technical specifications of the Order set out the main requirements, with regard to the regulatory provisions, to be fulfilled by vehicles for which subsidies are sought, to ensure access to buses for the disabled and in particular, although not exclusively, for people with reduced mobility.

Thus, the section on the external fittings of vehicles determines the minimum size of the accessibility logo and the lettering of the signs visible from the outside, sets the minimum door width and ramp length, provides for the installation of suitable systems or devices to ensure that the ramp and elevating platform work in a particular way, and prescribes the installation of a system to ensure that users do not have to negotiate heights higher than 250 millimetres in one step to get on the bus.

The section on the internal fittings of vehicles establishes the width of the photoluminescent bands, the minimum depth of the stair treads, the minimum width of the space provided to accommodate wheelchairs, and that said space must have a retaining belt and a pictogram showing the correct position to be adopted by the passenger, as well as the location and size of the horizontal handrail, specific characteristics of "request stop"



buttons and specifically the height of buttons for use by wheelchair passengers, and the diameter of handholds.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

As part of its policy to improve public passenger transport, the Regional Transport Consortium is providing these subsidies to encourage the introduction of new accessible vehicles for the services for which it is responsible, thus responding to the demands of associations for the disabled.

However, the entry into force of Governing Council Decree 13/2007 of 15 March adopting the technical regulation implementing provisions on the promotion of accessibility & removal of architectural barriers and Royal Decree 1544/2007 of 23 November on the basic conditions for accessibility and non-discrimination for the access to and use of modes of transport for the disabled, which set certain accessibility requirements applicable to transportation, has constituted a break-through in a previously unregulated area.

It has established the desirability of adapting the technical specifications of the Order setting out the basic regulations for subsidies, so that they not only address the requirements of the regulations passed recently, but also any additional requirements justifying the granting of subsidies.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Law 8/1993 of 22 June on the promotion of accessibility & removal of architectural barriers in the Autonomous Community of Madrid.

Law 51/2003 of 2 December on equal opportunities, non-discrimination and universal access for the disabled.

Governing Council Decree 13/2007 of 15 March adopting the technical regulation implementing provisions on the promotion of accessibility & removal of architectural barriers. (NOTIFIED TO THE COMMISSION UNDER NUMBER 2006/282/E)

Royal Decree 1544/2007 of 23 November on the basic conditions for accessibility and non-discrimination for the access to and use of modes of transport for the disabled.

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

NOT APPLICABLE

#### **13. Confidentiality**

NO

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

NO

#### **15. Impact assessment**

NO

#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

NO

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