

# The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) (Hayling Light Railway Trust) Exemption Order 2025

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 183(1), (2), (4)(a), (5), (7), and 207(1) of the Equality Act 2010<sup>1</sup>.

In accordance with section 183(4) of that Act the Secretary of State has consulted with the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee<sup>2</sup> and other such 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) (Hayling Light Railway Trust) Exemption Order 2025 and comes into force on 2 July 2025.

## Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 2010 Regulations” means the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Non-Interoperable Rail System) Regulations 2010<sup>3</sup>;

“exempt vehicle” means Coach 10, Coach 11, Coach 12 and Coach 14 which are rail vehicles operated on the Hayling Light Railway;

“Hayling Light Railway” means the rail network which operates for approximately one mile along the seafront of Hayling Island, Hampshire, between Eastoke Corner station, Mengham Road station and Beachlands station.

(2) Unless otherwise stated, a reference in this Order 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 the conditions set out in article 4, an exempt vehicle is authorised to be used for carriage on the Hayling Light Railway even if it does not conform with, or is used in a manner that does not conform with, the requirements of—

- (a) paragraph 3(1) (each passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle must be indicated clearly by doors which on their exterior contrast with the exterior of the vehicle to each side of the doors);
- (b) paragraphs 3(3) and (5) (each passenger doorway must be fitted with an audible warning device and that audible warning device must emit different sounds for opening and closing of doors);
- (c) paragraph 6(3) (wheelchair sign conforming with diagram B in Schedule 2 to the 2010 Regulations must be marked on, or adjacent to, each wheelchair-compatible doorway);
- (d) paragraph 10(1)(a) (a handrail must be fitted on the inside, and either side of, each passenger doorway);

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<sup>1</sup> 2010 c.15.

<sup>2</sup> 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 Secretary of State with advice on the needs of disabled people relating to public passenger transport.

<sup>3</sup> S.I. 2010/432, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (e) paragraphs 11(1), (2), (5), (6), (8), (10) and (12) (requirements relating to a public address system for audible and visual announcements)<sup>4</sup>;
- (f) paragraph 13(1) (not less than 10 per cent of the passenger seats in a rail vehicle or 8 passenger seats (whichever is the lesser number) must be designated by signs as priority seats for the use of disabled persons);
- (g) paragraph 14(1) (steps for the use of passengers at any passenger doorway in the side of a rail vehicle) in respect of the requirement at sub-paragraph (e) of that paragraph that each step must be illuminated by a light placed within or immediately adjacent to the step;
- (h) paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 2010 Regulations (the edge of the floor along the entrance of a passenger doorway must be illuminated by a light).

### Conditions

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the exemptions set out in article 3 apply to an exempt vehicle where—

- (a) staff are deployed to—
  - (i) guide passengers on and off the exempt vehicle;
  - (ii) assist passengers while on the exempt vehicle; and
  - (iii) make announcements to passengers;
- (b) the exempt vehicle is not operated between sunset and sunrise, unless—
  - (i) illumination is provided at the entrance to and on the platform at Eastoke Corner station from which passengers board and alight from the exempt vehicle to permit safe boarding and alighting from that vehicle;
  - (ii) at least three members of railway staff including a guard are deployed to carry out the requirements in paragraph (a); and
  - (iii) the exempt vehicle does not stop at Mengham Road station or Beachlands station for the purpose of passengers boarding or alighting from the exempt vehicle.


(2) The exemptions in articles 3(b) and (e) apply to an exempt vehicle only where the exempt vehicle has not been modified to use any form of electrical power supply.

(3) The exemptions in articles 3(g) and (h) apply only to an exempt vehicle with battery lighting installed and operational.

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<sup>4</sup> The exemptions in this paragraph cover the following: the interior of a rail vehicle must be fitted with a public address system for audible and visual announcements. The exterior of the lead locomotive or all rail vehicles hauled must be fitted with a public address system for visual announcements. Public address systems must announce the destination of a vehicle and, in the case of systems inside the vehicle only, the next stop. The public address system inside the vehicle must be used to announce the next station or stop, any delay exceeding ten minutes to the scheduled timing for that journey, any diversions from the route shown in the published timetable and to make emergency announcements. Visual announcements in exterior displays must comply with a minimum character height and contrast with their background. Displays inside a rail vehicle must be viewable from at least 51 per cent of all passenger seats and 51 per cent of priority seats. Displays inside a rail vehicle must contrast with its background and comply with minimum height requirements.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport



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