STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1349

DISABLED PERSONS

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The Rail Vehicle Accessibility (The Chiltern Railway Company Limited Class 168/1 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000

Made - - - -	*18th May 2000*
Laid before Parliament	*19th May 2000*
Coming into force	*12th June 2000*

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 47 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995**(a)** and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, having consulted the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee and such other persons as he considered appropriate in accordance with section 47(3) of the said Act, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Rail Vehicle Accessibility (The Chiltern Railway Company Limited Class 168/1 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 and shall come into force on 12th June 2000.

2. Any reference in this Order to a numbered regulation is a reference to a regulation bearing that number in the Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 1998**(b)**.

3. This Order applies to the rail vehicles which are numbered 58156 to 58160 and 58256 to 58260 and which form the diesel multiple-units numbered 168106 to 168110 of the class known as "Class 168/1" ("the exempted vehicles") as manufactured by ABB Daimler Benz Transportation (UK) Limited for use by The Chiltern Railway Company Limited.

4.—(1) Subject to articles 5 and 6 below, the exempted vehicles are hereby authorised to be used for carriage even though they do not conform with those provisions of the Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 1998 referred to in paragraph (2) below.

(2) The provisions with which the exempted vehicles are not required to conform are—

regulation 4(3)(b);
regulation 5, but only in so far as it relates to control devices which are not operated by the application of pressure and which do not control doors which are in the side of an exempted vehicle; and
regulation 5(1)(a), but only in so far as it relates to the doors in the side of an exempted vehicle.

(a) 1995 c. 50.
(b) S.I. 1998/2456.

5.—(1) The exemption given in respect of regulation 4(3)(b) shall cease at the end of 31st December 2000.

(2) The exemption given in respect of regulation 5 shall cease at the end of 31st December 2011.

(3) The exemption given in respect of regulation 5(1)(a) shall cease—

(i) at the end of 31st December 2010; or

(ii) in respect of an exempted vehicle in which all the door control devices for the doors in the sides of the exempted vehicle and the control systems for those doorways are replaced before that date, when such replacement is completed.

6. The authorisation given by article 4(1) above shall cease immediately in respect of an exempted vehicle which is operated by a person other than The Chiltern Railway Company Limited, unless the Secretary of State has been given written notice in advance specifying the name and address of that other person.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for
the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Keith Hill
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

18th May 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order authorises the use of specified rail vehicles forming Class 168/1 diesel multiple-units, although they do not conform with certain requirements of the Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations 1998 because:

warnings sounds are emitted whenever the passenger doors in the side of the vehicles are closed;
some doors do not have manual door control devices;
some door controls are not positioned as required.

It sets time limits on the authorisation.

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