

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision with respect to the making of applications to the Department for Regional Development under section 47 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 for exemption from the need to comply with the requirements of rail vehicle accessibility regulations made under section 46 of that Act.

Rail vehicle accessibility regulations made under section 46, set standards to be complied with to improve the accessibility for disabled persons of passenger vehicles used on railways not subject to EU accessibility specifications. EU accessibility specifications apply to the railway system in Northern Ireland under the interoperability directives as transposed by the Railways (Interoperability) Regulations 2006 ([S.I. 2006/397](#)).

Regulation 3 makes such provision in relation to applications relating to rail vehicles.

Regulation 4 makes such provision in relation to applications relating to the use of rail vehicles on specific rail networks.

Regulation 5 revokes the Rail Vehicle (Exemption Applications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001.