

Railway Safety Regulations 1999: Regulation 5

Certificate of Exemption

1. The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) exempts under regulation 6(1) of the Railway Safety Regulations 1999 (the Regulations) the hinged door rolling stock listed in the Schedule from the requirements of regulation 5(1) of the Regulations. In granting this exemption, ORR has carried out a review of the evidence provided by **Venice Simplon-Orient-Express Limited (Northern Belle) (Company Number: 01551659)** (the company) in support of the exemption request, consulted as required by regulation 6(2) and had regard to the matters set out in regulation 6(3) of the Regulations.
2. In this exemption:
 - “railway” has the same meaning as in the Regulations;
 - “Joint TOC document” means the document entitled ‘Charter Train Managers Operation of Coaching Stock fitted with Secondary Door Locking’ prepared by DB Schenker Rail (UK) Limited and West Coast Railway Company Limited;
 - “rolling stock” means any carriage, wagon or other vehicle used on track and includes a locomotive;
 - “safety management system” has the meaning it has in the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (ROGS).
3. This exemption applies to the rolling stock with hinged doors for passenger access listed in Schedule (‘the rolling stock’) and is granted subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The company must ensure that hinged doors are modified so that:
 - (i) they can be securely locked and clearly labelled as not for passenger use, apart from the necessary access doors at the end of each carriage;
 - (ii) they are fitted with secondary locks, equivalent to those specified in the Joint TOC document (and any revisions to it that ORR consents to), which are protected by an anti-tamper device and labelled as being for emergency use only;
 - (iii) all access doors are fitted with secondary door locks that can only be operated by a steward of the company, unless in an emergency.
 - (b) the rolling stock is not used for passenger services on a railway unless:
 - (i) the operator of the rolling stock has and maintains an established safety management system which covers the operation of hinged door rolling stock;

- (ii) competent and adequately trained stewards are provided and are responsible for monitoring doors and passenger behaviour; and for the operation of secondary door locks at all times when passengers are boarding, on-board and alighting the train; any one steward shall be responsible for no more than the doors of any one vehicle or those doors in adjacent vehicles immediately either side of a gangway;
- (iii) passenger announcements and briefing notices are used as appropriate to explain to passengers the door arrangements set out paragraph 3(a).

4. This exemption is valid from 30 March 2012 until 31 March 2023.

5. Under regulation 6(1) of the Regulations, ORR may revoke the whole or any part of this exemption, at any time, in writing.

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Signed by authority of ORR

30 March 2012



Schedule

The rolling stock vehicles to which this exemption applies are:

Vehicle Number	Type	Date Built
325	Mk1 Restaurant First	1961
1207	Mk2 RFB (Kitchen)	1973
1221	Mk2 RFB (Kitchen)	1973
1566	Mk1 Kitchen Shop	1961
1953	Mk1 Kitchen	1960
3174	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1971
3182	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1971
3232	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1973
3247	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1973
3267	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1973
3273	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1973
3275	Mk 2 FO (Saloon)	1973
10729	Mk3 SLE (Sleeper)	1984
10734	Mk3 SLE (Sleeper)	1985
17167	Mk2 BFK (Brake/Support)	1972
92904	Mk1 Baggage Car	1956