

*These notes refer to the Disability Discrimination Act
2005 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 7 April 2005*

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 8: Enforcement and penalties

New section 47E: Penalty for using rail vehicle that does not conform with accessibility regulations

98. This section sets out the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State in respect of an operator of a regulated rail vehicle which appears not to comply with the construction requirements of the RVAR. The procedure involves the issuing of two notices (an improvement notice and a final notice) and, if the vehicle is used despite still being non-compliant with the RVAR, the Secretary of State may impose a penalty. The various timescales leading up to the imposition of the penalty are to be set out in regulations, but the Government has suggested in consultation that the final notice period should be two weeks.