



U.S. Department
of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

Exemption No. 6002E
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12804

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Mr. Roy Resavage
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Dear Mr. Resavage:

We are pleased to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 6002. This letter explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for our Decision

By your letter dated August 18, 2004, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Helicopter Association International (HAI) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) for an extension of Exemption No. 6002. That exemption from § 43.3(g) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows pilots employed by HAI and AAMS to remove and reinstall Liquid Oxygen System (LOX) containers on their aircraft. Pilots perform these tasks only after receiving and documenting appropriate training by a properly certificated airframe mechanic, subject to certain conditions and limitations stated therein.

In your petition, you state the conditions and circumstances presented in the original petition, on which the FAA granted the exemption, remain unchanged.

In your petition, you state the public interest is served and a level of safety equivalent to regulation is upheld when properly trained air medical service pilots are allowed to remove and reinstall LOX containers in their aircraft. You also maintain the exemption remains vital

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to the public interest although 14 CFR § 43.3(i) authorizes properly trained pilots of certain aircraft operated under 14 CFR part 135 to remove and reinstall "approved cabin-mounted medical oxygen bottles" only "when no tools are required." You state that Exemption 6002A authorizes trained air medical pilots "to remove and reinstall LOX containers in their aircraft" using simple hand tools when "no special tools are required to perform the container exchange."

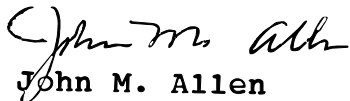
The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to HAI and AAMS.

The FAA has determined the justification for issuing Exemption No. 6002 remains valid with respect to this exemption and the exemption remains in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U. S. C. 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition.

The Effect of our Decision

Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 6002, as amended, from January 31, 2005 to January 31, 2007, unless sooner superseded or rescinded. All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6002 remain the same. This letter will be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6002.

Sincerely,



John M. Allen
Acting Director, Flight Standards
Service