

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Summary Notice No. PE-98-5]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-200), Petition Docket No. _____, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent electronically to the following internet address: 9-NPRM-CNTS@faa.dot.gov.

The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone (202) 267-3132.

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This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

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Petitions for Exemption*Docket No.:* 29127.*Petitioner:* National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* Section 40102(a)(37)(B) of Title 49.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit NASA to operate its KC-135 aircraft as a public aircraft in support of scientific, aerospace, and aeronautical programs in cooperation with State and foreign Governments, universities, and private industry while carrying certain passengers or receiving reimbursement for these operations.

Docket No.: 29139.*Petitioner:* Helicopter Association International.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 61.197(a)(2)(iii).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit each graduate of an HAI-sponsored Federal Aviation Administration-approved flight instructor refresher course to renew his or her flight instructor certificate more than 90 days preceding the expiration month of that certificate.

Docket No.: 29032.*Petitioner:* Lake Area Technical Institute.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* Part A of subtitle VII of Title 49.

Description of Relief Sought: To permit LATI to operate its Beechcraft U-21A aircraft as a public aircraft.

Docket No.: 29143.*Petitioner:* Honeywell, Inc.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 145.47(b).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit Honeywell, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-certificated repair station (No. HWOY904N), to substitute the instrument calibration standards of the Instituto Nacional de Metrologia, Normalizacao e Qualidade Industrial, Brazil's national standards laboratory, and the pressure standards of France's Bureau National de Metrologie, Laboratoire Primairre du Temps et des Frequences, for the calibration standards of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards, to test its inspection and test equipment.

Dispositions of Petitions*Docket No.:* 28569.*Petitioner:* Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 133.1(d), 133.35(a), and 133.45(e)(1).

Description of Relief Sought: To permit RMH to conduct external-hoist, high-altitude rescue operations using two Agusta A109K2 (A109K2) helicopters type certificated in the normal category and not capable of maintaining a hover with one engine inoperative.

*GRANT, March 19, 1998, Exemption No. 6740.**Docket No.:* 23869.*Petitioner:* The Uninsured Relative Workshop, Inc.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 105.43(c).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit TURWI to allow its employees, representatives, and other volunteer experimental parachute test jumpers under its direction and control to make tandem parachute jumps while wearing a dual-harness, dual-parachute pack having at least one main parachute and one auxiliary parachute packed in accordance with § 105.43(a). It also permits pilots in command of aircraft involved in these operations to allow such persons to make these parachute jumps.

*GRANT, March 13, 1998, Exemption No. 4943I.**Docket No.:* 29130.*Petitioner:* Trans-Exec Air Services, Inc.*Sections of the FAR Affected:* 14 CFR 135.152(a).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit TEAS to operate its Gulfstream III aircraft under part 135 without it being equipped with the digital flight data recorder currently required.

*GRANT, March 18, 1998, Exemption No. 6739.**Docket No.:* 28582.*Petitioner:* Atlas Air, Inc.
Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.583(a)(8).

Description of Relief Sought/Disposition: To permit up to three dependents of Atlas employees who are accompanied by an employee sponsor traveling on official business only and are trained and qualified in the operation of emergency equipment on Atlas' Boeing 747 cargo aircraft to be added to the list of persons specified in § 121.583(a)(8) that Atlas is authorized to transport without complying with the passenger-carrying operation requirements in §§ 121.309(f), 121.310, 121.391, 121.571, and 121.587; the passenger-carrying operations requirements in §§ 121.157(c), 121.161, and 121.291; and the requirements pertaining to passengers in §§ 121.285, 121.313(f), 121.317, 121.547, and 121.573.

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 6487A.

Docket No.: 27258.

Petitioner: Air Methods Corporation. Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit AMC to operate the aircraft listed in Attachment A under the provisions of part 135 without a TSO-C112 transponder installed.

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 5720B.

Docket No.: 28419.

Petitioner: United Parcel Service.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.433(c)(1)(iii), 121.440(a), 121.441(a)(1), and (b)(1), and appendix F.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit UPS to combine recurrent flight and ground training and proficiency checks for UPS's pilots in command, seconds in command, and flight engineers in a single annual training and proficiency evaluation program (i.e., a single-visit training program).

GRANT, March 10, 1998, Exemption No. 6434A.

Docket No.: 25060.

Petitioner: Douglas Aircraft Company.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 21.197.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit DAC to conduct training of DAC's pilot flight crewmembers while operating under special flight permits issued for the purpose of production flight testing.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 4936C.

Docket No.: 28861.

Petitioner: Vertical Flite.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.119(b).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit Vertical Flite to operate Air and Space 18A gyroplanes (AS-18A) in visual meteorological conditions below the minimum altitudes specified in § 91.119(b) and (c) while conducting aerial photography or contracted "police and highway" flights.

DENIAL, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6738.

Docket No.: 27170.

Petitioner: Minuteman Aviation, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit MAI to operate its helicopters without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6737.

Docket No.: 25242.

Petitioner: Experimental Aircraft Association.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 61.58(c) and 91.5.

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit EAA members to complete an approved training course in lieu of a pilot proficiency check. The exemption applies to training courses for the following aircraft: Boeing B-17; North American B-25; Douglas B-26, C-47, and C-54; Consolidated PBV; Martin PBM; Grumman S-2-F; Curtiss C-46; and Ford Tri-Motor.

GRANT, March 5, 1998, Exemption No. 4941E.

Docket No.: 26696.

Petitioner: Ryan International Airlines, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 121.503(b) and 121.511(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit pilots and flight engineers employed by Ryan to complete certain scheduled coast-to-coast, all-cargo, transcontinental flights with no more than one intermediate stop and a maximum of 11 hours of flight time during any 24 consecutive hours before being provided with at least 16 hours of rest.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 5461C.

Docket No.: 28172.

Petitioner: Helicopter Services, Inc.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 135.143(c)(2).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit HSI to operate without a TSO-C112 (Mode S) transponder installed in its aircraft operating under the provisions of part 135.

GRANT, March 3, 1998, Exemption No. 6109A.

Docket No.: 28479.

Petitioner: Strong Enterprises.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 105.43(a).

Description of Relief Sought/

Disposition: To permit employees, representatives, and other volunteer experimental parachute test jumpers under Strong's control to make tandem parachute jumps while wearing a dual-harness, dual-parachute pack that has at least one main parachute and one approved auxiliary parachute. The exemption also permits pilots in command of aircraft involved in these operations to allow such persons to make these parachute jumps.

GRANT, March 11, 1998, Exemption No. 6474B.

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[RTCA Special Committee 172]

Future Air-Ground Communications In The VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 172 meeting to be held April 14-17, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m. The first two days of the meeting will be held at the Army and Navy Club (coat and tie required), 901 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, phone (202) 628-8400; the last two days will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036.

The agenda will be as follows:
 Tuesday, April 14: (1) Plenary Convenes at 9:00 a.m. for 30 minutes; (2) Introductory Remarks; (3) Review and Approval of the Agenda; (4) Working Group (WG)-2, VHF Data Radio Signal-in-space MASPS, Complete Work on VDL Mode 2 and Continue Work on VDL Mode 3. Wednesday, April 15: (a.m.) (5) WG-2 Continues; (p.m.) (6) WG-3, Review of Activities in VHF Digital Radio MOPS Document Program and Further Work. Thursday, April 16 (at RTCA): (a.m.) (7) Plenary Reconvenes at 9:00 a.m.; (8) Review Summary Minutes of Previous Plenary of SC-172; (9) Reports from WG's 2 & 3 Activities; (10) Report on VDL Activities and Preparation for AMCP; (11) EUROCAE WG-47 Report and Discussion of Schedule for Further Joint Meetings with WG-3; (12) Review Issues List and Address Future Work; (13) Other Business; (14) Dates and Places of Next Meetings; (p.m.) (15) WG's Continue as Necessary. Friday, April 17: (16) WG's Continue as Necessary.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.