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Exemption No. 6175E
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-9195

Mr. Roy Resavage
President
Helicopter Association International
1635 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2818

Dear Mr. Resavage:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 6175, as amended. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated June 6, 2005, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Helicopter Association International (HAI) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) for an extension of Exemption No. 6175, as amended. That exemption from § 135.213(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits part 135 certificate holders that conduct helicopter emergency medical service (EMS) operations and are members of both the HAI and the AAMS to conduct EMS departures under instrument flight rules in weather that is at or above visual flight rules minimums from airports or helicopters at which a weather report is not available from the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS), a source approved by the NWS, or a source approved by the Administrator.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register. 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.

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Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6175, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption and is 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Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 6175, as amended, to September 30, 2007, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6175, as amended, remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6175.

Sincerely,



John M. Allen
Acting Director, Flight Standards Service