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**Federal Aviation  
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Exemption No. 6002D  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12804

Mr. Roy Resavage  
President  
Helicopter Association International  
1635 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2898

Dear Mr. Resavage:

This is in response to your July 3, 2002, letter petitioning 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, as amended. That exemption gives pilots employed by member operators of HAI or AAMS or other similarly situated certificated operators relief from § 43.3(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR). It allows them to remove and reinstall liquid oxygen containers in their aircraft after receiving and documenting proper training by a properly certificated airframe mechanic, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

In your petition, you state the conditions and reasons about public interest and safety, presented in the original petition on which the FAA granted the exemption, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register. Extending Exemption No. 6002, as amended, would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the member operators of HAI and AAMS or other similarly situated certificated operators.

The FAA has determined the justification for issuing Exemption No. 6002, as amended, remains valid for this exemption.

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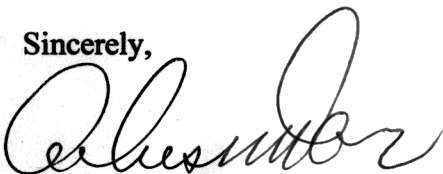
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In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, by the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator (14 CFR § 11.53), I extend the termination date of Exemption No. 6002, as amended, from January 31, 2003, to January 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6002, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be a part of Exemption No. 6002 and you must attach it to that exemption.

Finally, please note the FAA has assigned a new docket number to this project (Docket No. FAA-2002-12804; previously Docket No. 26559). To allow the public to track the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System, found at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new system enables interested parties to view and download docketed materials through the Internet. Please send any future exemption requests to the Docket Management System under 14 CFR § 11.63.

Sincerely,



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Acting Director, Flight Standards  
Service