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

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

Dear Mr. Resavage:

This is in response to your May 22, 2003, letter petitioning 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 the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

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 that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 6175, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

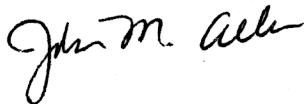
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In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 6175, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its September 30, 2003, termination date to September 30, 2005 unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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

In an effort to allow the public to participate in tracking the FAA's rulemaking activities, we have transitioned to the Department of Transportation's Internet-accessible Docket Management System (DMS), located at <http://dms.dot.gov>. This new system enables interested persons to submit, view, and download requests to the DMS in accordance with 14 CFR § 11.63. Future requests should be submitted through this system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "A".

John M. Allen
Acting Director
Flight Standards Service