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Aviation Safety

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Exemption No. 4144S
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12590

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Dear Mr. Palmaz:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 4144R. It transmits the FAA's decision, explains its basis, and gives you the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date it ends.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated January 29, 2020, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, Inc. (USHPA) for an extension of Exemption No. 4144R. That exemption from §§ 91.309 and 103.1(b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows USHPA members to tow unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) using powered ultralight vehicles.

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's Decision

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 USHPA.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 4144R remains valid with respect to this exemption and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. §§ 106(f), 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, Inc. (USHPA) an exemption from 14 CFR §§ 91.309 and 103.1(b) to the extent necessary to allow AFS-20-132457-E

USHPA members to tow unpowered ultralight vehicles (hang gliders) using powered ultralight vehicles, subject to the conditions and limitations listed below.

Conditions and Limitations

1. Each operation must comply with all sections of 14 CFR part 103, except § 103.1(b).
2. No charge, assessment, or fee may be made for the operation of the towing ultralight vehicle except for the actual expenses of the specific flight.
3. Occupants on both the powered and unpowered ultralights must possess a current pilot rating issued by the USHPA.
4. For identification purposes, USHPA shall issue an individual authorization to each person allowed to conduct operations under this exemption. Each authorization must include an identification number and a copy of this exemption. USHPA must also have a procedure to rescind this authority when needed.
5. Operations conducted under this exemption must be in accordance with the safety and certification rules and guidelines, as amended, established by USHPA, including those specified in paragraphs 1 through 12 of USHPA's supporting information.
6. Each operator of an ultralight vehicle under the authority of this exemption must be familiar with the provisions contained herein and must have in his or her personal possession a copy of the authorization issued by USHPA, and a copy of this exemption. These documents shall be presented for inspection upon request by the FAA.
7. This exemption is not valid for operations outside the United States.

If you request an extension to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12590 (<http://www.regulations.gov>). In addition, you should submit your request no later than 120 days prior to the exemption's expiration date listed below.

If you require an amendment to this exemption, please submit your request no later than 120 days prior to the date you need the amendment using the process indicated above.

Any extension or amendment request must meet the requirements of § 11.81 of 14 CFR.

The Effect of Our Decision

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 4144R to 4144S and extends the termination date to May 31, 2022, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,