



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20591

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Exemption No. 6002G  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-12804

Mr. Matthew S. Zuccaro  
President  
Helicopter Association International  
1635 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2818

Dear Mr. Zuccaro:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 6002, as amended. This letter also explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

#### **The Basis for Our Decision**

By letter dated August 15, 2008, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Helicopter Association International (HAI) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) for an extension of Exemption No. 6002, as amended. That exemption from § 43.3(g) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations allows pilots employed by member operators of HAI and AAMS to remove and reinstall Liquid Oxygen System (LOX) containers in their aircraft. Pilots may do this after receiving and documenting appropriate training in this task by a properly certificated airframe mechanic, subject to certain conditions and limitations stated therein.

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 because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent. Any delay in acting on this petition may 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. 6002, 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Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 6002, as amended, to January 31, 2011, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6002, as amended, remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6002.

Sincerely,

/s/ John M. Allen  
Acting Director, Flight Standards  
Service