



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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Airspace Support Division

JUL 31 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, US Army Special Operations Command
(USASOC), Ft Bragg, NC 28310

SUBJECT: Exemption No. 7631B Extension

1. Attached exemption is forwarded for your information and retention.
2. Exemption 7631B permits properly equipped USASOC aircraft to conduct low-level operations without complying with en route minimum altitudes for flight under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) or direction of flight requirements for IFR en route segment in uncontrolled airspace. This exemption terminates on 30 September 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.
3. POC for this action is Mr. Wayne Conroy, DSN 656-4865 or commercial 703-806-4865.

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Chief, Airspace Support
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Exemption No. 7631B
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-10356

Colonel Allen S. Baker
Commander
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Dear Col. Baker:

This is in response to your letter filed, July 1, 2003, petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, for an extension of Exemption No. 7631, as amended. That exemption from §§ 91.177(a)(2) and 91.179(b)(1) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits properly equipped USASOC aircraft to conduct low-level operations without complying with enroute minimum altitudes for flight under instrument flight rules (IFR) or direction of flight requirements for IFR enroute segment in uncontrolled airspace.

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 USASOC.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 7631, 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. 7631, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its September 30, 2003, termination date to September 30, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 7631, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 7631.

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,



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