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Exemption No. 9785C
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-10583

Mr. Jim Stephenson
CEO/President
Aero Sports Connection
231 SW Bonanza Glen
Lake City, FL 32025

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 9785, as amended. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect, and lists the conditions and limitations.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated October 23, 2014, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Aero Sports Connection (ASC) for an extension of Exemption No. 9785, as amended. That exemption from § 103.1(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allowed ASC to operate unpowered ultralight vehicles with another occupant for the purpose of sport and recreation.

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, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to ASC.

Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 9785, 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. §§ 106(f), 40113 and 44701, which the FAA

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Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition, subject to the conditions and limitations listed below.

Conditions and Limitations

1. This exemption is limited to § 103.1(a) only.
2. Each operation must comply with all other sections of part 103.
3. All flights operating under this exemption must be for training purposes only. This exemption applies only to flights for the purpose of giving instruction in foot-launched, two-place powered and unpowered paragliders or hang gliders.
4. Prior to all two-occupant training flights, the student must be informed that the flight is conducted under an exemption granted by the FAA and that the foot-launched, two-place powered and unpowered paraglider or hang glider does not meet aircraft certification standards set forth by the FAA.
5. For identification purposes, ASC shall issue an individual authorization to each person allowed to conduct operations under this exemption. Each authorization shall include an identification number and a copy of this exemption. ASC shall also have a procedure to rescind this authority when needed.
6. Each individual who operates a foot-launched, two-place powered and unpowered paraglider or hang glider 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 ASC and a copy of this exemption. These documents shall be presented for inspection upon request by the FAA.

The Effect of Our Decision

Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 9785, as amended, to November 30, 2016, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

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John S. Duncan
Director, Flight Standards Service