

February 2, 2023

U.S. Department of Transportation Docket Operations West Building Ground Floor Room W12-140 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20590

Re: <u>Exemption 6473, Docket No. FAA-2002-12343</u>

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 C.F.R.) § 11.61, Federal Express Corporation (FedEx Express), FAA Air Carrier Certificate FDEA140A, petitions the Administrator for an extension of Exemption 6473, Docket No. FAA-2002-12343.

By letter dated June 8, 2020, FedEx Express petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an extension of Exemption No. 6473, as amended. The FAA granted the petition and issued FAA Exemption 6473K, which is due to expire on June 30, 2023, unless FAA approves this request for extension.

The exemption from § 121.434(c)(1)(ii) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations allows FedEx Express to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman or aircrew program designee in place of an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command (PIC) who is completing the initial or upgrade training specified in §121.424 during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing subject to certain conditions and limitations. The circumstances that warranted the initial grant of exemption continue to exist today. Thus, the renewal of this exemption remains in the public interest and granting an extension to the requested relief will maintain the precedent set by the original exemption. For this reason, FedEx Express requests that the FAA finds there is good cause to waive the requirement for publication of a notice in the Federal Register because delay in action on the petition would adversely impact those PICs seeking to utilize the requested relief.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me via phone at (202) 892-3948 or via email at anne.bechdolt@fedex.com.

Respectfully,

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