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Exemption No. 16568C  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2016-3591

Mr. Charles M. Schramek  
Director of Flight Operations QA, Compliance & Business Support  
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Delta Airlines Dept. # 027  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30320

Dear Mr. Schramek:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 16568B. This letter transmits the FAA's decision, explains the FAA's basis, and provides the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date the exemption ends.

### **The Basis for the FAA's Decision**

By letter dated February 23, 2022, you petitioned the FAA on behalf of Delta Airlines, Inc. (Delta) for an extension of Exemption No. 16568B. That exemption from § 121.915(d) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) provides Delta with relief from the requirement that an initial continuing qualification cycle approved for an advanced qualification program (AQP) must not exceed 24 calendar months in duration. This allows for an initial continuing qualification cycle of 36 calendar months in duration.

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*. The FAA has determined that good cause exists because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to Delta

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 16568B 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, 44701, and 44807, which the FAA

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Administrator has delegated to me, I hereby grant Delta Airlines, Inc. an exemption from 14 CFR § 121.915(d) to the extent necessary to provide Delta with relief from the requirement that an initial continuing qualification cycle approved for an advanced qualification program (AQP) must not exceed 24 calendar months in duration. This allows for an initial continuing qualification cycle of 36 calendar months in duration, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

1. The petitioner must continue to comply with all elements of their approved AQP.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and limitations may result in the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

### **The Effect of the FAA's Decision**

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 16568B to 16568C and extends the termination date to May 31, 2024, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

To request an extension or amendment to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2016-3591 (<http://www.regulations.gov>). In addition, you should submit your request for extension or amendment no later than 120 days prior to the expiration listed above, or the date you need the amendment, respectively.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

David Boulter  
Acting Executive Director, Flight Standards Service

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Exemption No. 16568B  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2016-3591

Mr. James C. Graham  
Senior Vice President Flight Operations  
Delta Airlines, Inc.  
Delta Airlines Dept. # 027  
P.O. Box 20706  
Atlanta, Georgia 30320

Dear Mr. Graham:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 16568A. 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 the FAA's Decision**

By letter dated January 31, 2020, you petitioned the FAA on behalf Delta Airlines, Inc. (Delta) for an extension of Exemption No. 16568A. That exemption from § 121.915(d) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) provides Delta with relief from the requirement that an initial continuing qualification cycle approved for an advanced qualification program (AQP) must not exceed 24 calendar months in duration. This allows for an initial continuing qualification cycle of 36 calendar months in duration.

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 Delta.

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The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 16568A 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 hereby grant Delta Airlines, Inc. an exemption from 14 CFR § 121.915(d), allowing relief from the requirement that an initial continuing qualification cycle approved for an AQP must not exceed 24 calendar months in duration, subject to the conditions and limitations described below.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

1. The petitioner must continue to comply with all elements of their approved AQP.

If you request an extension to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2016-3591 (<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 the FAA's Decision**

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 16568A to 16568B and extends the termination date to May 31, 2022, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert C. Carty  
Deputy Executive Director, Flight Standards Service