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Aviation Safety

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Exemption No. 17409B
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2017-0262

Mr. Brian H. Beattie
Croman Corporation
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Dear Mr. Beattie:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 17409A. This letter transmits the FAA's decision, explains its 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 June 18, 2021, you petitioned the FAA on behalf of Croman Corporation (Croman) for an extension of Exemption No. 17409A. That exemption from § 135.175(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows Croman to conduct flights under visual flight rules (VFR) with certain large transport category aircraft in passenger-carrying operations without airborne weather radar installed.

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 would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to Croman.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 17409A 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 grant Croman Corporation an exemption from 14 CFR 135.175(a) to the extent necessary to conduct flights under VFR with certain large transport category aircraft in

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passenger-carrying operations without airborne weather radar installed, subject to the conditions and limits described below.

Conditions and Limitations

1. This exemption is limited to those Croman helicopters, which are configured for 9 or less passengers, listed in its operations specifications.
2. This exemption is limited to operations conducted during day VFR weather conditions only.
3. Croman may not release a flight when thunderstorms or other potentially hazardous weather conditions are reported or forecast along the routes to be flown for the period of time required for the flight.
4. Notwithstanding Condition and Limitation No. 3 above, Croman may release a flight under this exemption when thunderstorms are forecast in Croman's area of operation provided that Croman has a method of determining the occurrence of thunderstorms along its routes and the method is approved by the certificate holding FAA flight standards district office. The procedures to be followed under an approved method to determine the presence of thunderstorms must be included in the operations manual required by § 135.21. No operations under this exemption may be conducted until the method and procedures have been approved by the certificate holding FAA flight standards district office and have been included in the manual.
5. Croman's flights must not traverse any area of known hazardous weather conditions.

To request an extension to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2017-0262 (<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.

To request 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 14 CFR 11.81.

The Effect of Our Decision

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 17409A to 17409B and extends the termination date to July 31, 2023, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rick Domingo
Executive Director, Flight Standards Service

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