



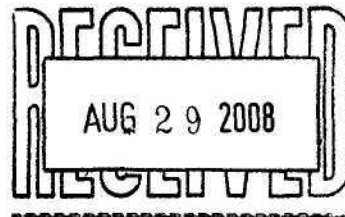
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**Federal Aviation
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Exemption No. 4988H
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2002-13187

Ms. Judy L. Ruprecht
The Soaring Society of America, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Ruprecht:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 4988, as amended, for three years only. The basis for our decision and its effect are explained in this letter.

The Basis for Our Decision

By letter dated June 13, 2008, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of The Soaring Society of America, Inc. (SSA), for an extension of Exemption No. 4988, as amended. That exemption from §§ 45.11(a) and (d) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits SSA to forgo the requirement to secure an identification plate or display the model and serial number on the exterior of the aircraft at specified locations.

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 SSA.

You requested a 4-year extension term. We are only granting a 3-year extension of Exemption No. 4988H. Although we may grant extension requests beyond the standard two years in unique circumstances, we typically do not exceed three years. This allows us an opportunity to periodically review the conditions and limitations pertaining to the exemption.

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Our Decision

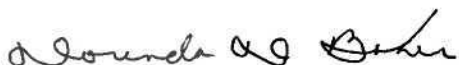
The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 4988, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition.

The Effect of Our Decision

Our decision extends the termination date of Exemption No. 4988, as amended, to October 30, 2011, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 4988, as amended, remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 4988.

Sincerely,



Dorenda D. Baker
Deputy Director, Aircraft Certification
Service