



Alaska Airlines



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U.S. Department of Transportation
Docket Management System
400 7th Street Southwest
Room PL-401
Washington D.C. 20590-0001

Re: Request for extension to Alaska Airlines exemption 8743(original)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Alaska Airlines, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of 14 CFR 11, Subpart A, petitions on behalf of itself for an extension of Exemption 8743(Original).

As previously approved on June 2, 2006, Exemption 8743 grants Alaska Airlines relief from §121.434(c)(1)(ii) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. The exemption allows for Alaska Airlines to substitute a qualified and authorized Aircrew Program Designee (APD) for an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command (PIC), who is completing training specified in the Advanced Qualification Program (AQP), during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff or landing.

The conditions and circumstances in regard to public interest and equivalent level of safety, which warranted the original grant of exemption, continue to exist. This exemption has been in use for two years with no known compromise to safety.

In accordance with the provisions of 14 CFR 11, Exceptions to Publication of Summary of Petition for Exemption, Alaska Airlines request that a finding of good cause be made for waiving publication in the Federal Register. Delay in granting the requested extension would not be in the public interest. Alaska Airlines therefore request that the publication and comment period be waived.

As required by 14 CFR 11, a summary of this petition is attached. Please inform me if you require any additional information to evaluate or act on this petition.

Sincerely,

Mindy Waham
Flight Training Compliance Manager

Attachments 1 - Summary of Petition

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Summary

Alaska Airlines petitions for an exemption from §121.434(c)(1)(ii) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations. The exemption would allow for Alaska Airlines to substitute a qualified and authorized Aircrew Program Designee (APD) for an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot in command (PIC), who is completing training specified in the AQP, during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff or landing.