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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-2017-24]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption received.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of 14 CFR. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petitions or their final disposition.

DATE: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA-2017-0056 using any of the following methods:

- Government-wide rulemaking web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Send comments to the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Fax: Fax comments to the Docket Management Facility at 202-493-2251.

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Docket: To read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

Docket No.: FAA-2017-0056

Petitioner: Leonardo Helicopters

Sections of 14 CFR Affected: 14 CFR §§ 43.3(h); 43.15(b);

61.163(a)(3);

91.103(b)(1); 91.126(b); 91.129(e)(1)-(3); 91.131(a)(2); 91.146(b)(5); 91.151(b); 91.155(b);

91.157(b)(5); 91.167(a)(3); 91.169(b)(2) & (c)(1)(i) & (ii); 91.175(f)(2)(iii) & (4)(i);

91.205(d)(3)(i) & (ii); 91.207(e); 91.223(a)(c); 91.409(e); 91.411(a); 91.501(a); 91.503(a);

91.507; 91.509(a) & (b)(4); 91.511(a); 91.513(a) & (f)(1) & (2); 91.515(a); 91.517(a) & (b);

91.519(a); 91.521(a); 91.525(a); 91.527(a), (b)(3), & (c); 91.531(a)(1); 91.603; 91.609(c)(3), (h),

(i)(3) & (j); 91.1037; 91.1045(b); 91.1101(b)(6)(iv), (b)(6)(iv)(B) & (b)(6)(iv)(D);

91.1439(a)(2)(i), (ii), & (vi);

97.3;

110.2;

119.1(e)(2), (e)(4)(v), (e)(7) & (e)(7)(iii); 119.23(b); 119.25;

133.1; 133.11; 133.13; 133.17; 133.19; 133.21(a); 133.23; 133.25; 133.27; 133.33; 133.35;

133.39; 133.41; 133.43(a); 133.45; 133.47; 133.49; 133.51;

135.1(a)(9); 135.4(a)(3); 135.23(r)(7); 135.65(c); 135.151(a), (b), (g) & (h); 135.154(a)(2) & (c);

135.158(a); 135.159(a)(1) & (2); 135.170(c)(2); 135.168; 135.203(a) & (b); 135.205(a) & (b);

135.207; 135.227(c)(2), (c)(3), (d), & (e); 135.243(a)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4) & (c)(3) & (4);

135.247(a)(3), (a)(3)(i), (a)(3)(i)(B) – (D) & (a)(3)(ii)(B); 135.271; 135.293(a)(9), (b), (c) & (h);

135.297(c)(1)(i) & (ii); 135.336(b)(1); 135.345(b)(6)(iv) & (b)(6)(iv)(D); 135.361(a); 135.363(b)

& (f); 135.379(a); 135.385(a) & (b); 135.387(a) & (b); 135.413(b)(1); 135.421(a) & (b);

135.427(b); 135.439(a)(2)(i), (ii) & (vi), (b)(1), (b)(2); 135.601(a), (b)(1)(i) & (ii) & (b)(2);
135.603; 135.605(a), (b) & (c); 135.607; 135.609(a); 135.611(a) & (b); 135.617(a) & (c);
135.619(a), (b), & (g)(1); 135.621(a) & (b);
and 142.11(d)(2)(iii)

Description of Relief Sought: AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation (AWPC) seeks an exemption on behalf of all potential AW609 operators for exemption from certain prescriptive terms within certain sections of 14 CFR. The AW609 is a tiltrotor aircraft manufactured by Augusta Westland. Because the AW609 operates as a helicopter for takeoff and landing, and as an airplane for other flight, AWPC asserts that potential operators of the AW609, require exemption(s) from those sections of 14 CFR that reference “airplane,” “airplanes,” “rotorcraft,” “rotor,” “fixed-wing,” “fixed-wing aircraft,” “copter,” “helicopter,” “AFM, propeller and airplane/rotorcraft flight manuals”. AWPC describes the AW609 as a vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft that is essentially a helicopter from a flight characteristics and performance standpoint. AWPC believes that relief through the exemption process will enable sales of tiltrotor aircraft, which will contribute to the balance-of-trade, the gross domestic product and economic health of the United States. AWPC also asserts the level of safety is not compromised in comparison to similar helicopter operations, and that granting this relief is in the public’s interest and maintains that an acceptable equivalent level of safety will exist by substituting the term tiltrotor or aircraft for helicopter and other specific terms that exist in the regulations listed above.

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