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**Federal Aviation
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Aviation Safety

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Exemption No. 10159F
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-9352

Mr. Tim Dahnke
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Dear Mr. Dahnke:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 10159E. 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, and lists the conditions and limitations.

The Basis for the FAA's Decision

By letter dated March 6, 2024, you petitioned the FAA on behalf of International Aerobatic Club (IAC) for an extension of Exemption No. 10159E. That exemption provided relief from §§ 91.9(b) and 91.151(a)(1) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) to the extent necessary to allow IAC members to carry less than the visual flight rules (VFR) fuel requirements under certain conditions and be exempted from carrying the aircraft flight manual during aerobatic competition and aerobatic practice flights.

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 IAC.

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An association such as International Aerobatic Club cannot receive an exemption from FAA operating regulations because the association is not authorized to conduct operations. To operate under this exemption, each affected certificate holder must submit to the FAA a request in the form of a Letter of Intent to use this exemption and affirm its intentions to comply with the conditions and limitations of this exemption. Consistent with this decision, a new Condition and Limitation No. 1 has been added to this exemption that requires members of International Aerobatic Club that wish to exercise the relief provided in this exemption to submit a Letter of Intent prior to conducting any operation under Exemption No. 10159F. Letters of Intent must be submitted to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and submit Letters of Intent under Docket Number FAA-2001-9352. Certificate holders should retain documentation to verify proper and timely submission of the Letter of Intent.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 10159E 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 International Aerobatic Club an exemption from 14 CFR §§ 91.9(b) and 91.151(a)(1) to the extent necessary to allow IAC members to carry less than visual flight rules (VFR) fuel requirements under certain conditions and be exempted from carrying the aircraft flight manual during aerobatic competition and aerobatic practice flights, subject to the conditions and limitations listed below.

Conditions and Limitations

1. Certificate holders who are members of International Aerobatic Club that wish to utilize the relief provided by this exemption must submit a Letter of Intent to Docket No. FAA-2001-9352. The Letter of Intent must state the certificate holder's intention to exercise the relief granted in this exemption and affirm the certificate holder's intention to only conduct operations in a manner consistent with all conditions and limitations herein. Certificate holders may only operate under this exemption after submitting a Letter of Intent to Docket No. FAA-2001-9352 that conforms to this condition. Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting documents electronically to submit a Letter of Intent to Docket No. FAA-2001-9352.
2. This exemption is applicable only to flights conducted during daylight hours in VFR conditions.
3. IAC and IAC members shall comply with requirements of an approved pilot operating handbook and/or aircraft flight manual concerning minimum fuel quantity during aerobatic flight.
4. This exemption applies only to members of the IAC when participating in IAC-sanctioned aerobatic competitions and practice sessions for such events, at the event site, and in the same location and under the same conditions as the competition.

5. All flights must take off and land from the same airport with the appropriate aircraft flight manual readily available at that airport before takeoff and after landing.
6. Each IAC member participating in an IAC-sanctioned aerobatic competition must be given a formal briefing by the event sponsor on the provisions of this exemption.

The Effect of the FAA's Decision

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 10159E to 10159F and extends the termination date to June 30, 2026, 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-2001-9352 (<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/

Hugh J. Thomas
Acting Deputy Executive Director, Flight Standards Service