DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE–2009–18]

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 petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (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 petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on these petitions must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before May 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number FAA–2009–0968 using any of the following methods:

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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, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Pamela Hamilton-Powell, Director, Office of Rulemaking.

Petition for Exemption


Petitioner: Aero Union Corporation.


Description of Relief Sought: Exemption from the requirement to develop damage tolerance data for STCs ST00353LA and SA8009NM installed on Lockheed 188A and 188C airplanes for the purpose of dispensing firefighting materials.

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Description of Relief Sought

AirMed International, LLC (AirMed) seeks relief from § 135.364 which would allow AirMed to receive extended operations approval to operate its Hawker Beechcraft on a planned route that exceeds 180 minutes flying time outside the continental United States. [FR Doc. 2010–8579 Filed 4–14–10; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Saab

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the Saab Cars North America, Inc.’s (Saab) petition for exemption of the 9–5 vehicle line in accordance with 49 CFR part 543, Exemption from the Theft Prevention Standard. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541).

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with the 2011 model year.


SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: In a petition dated March 1, 2010, Saab requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR part 541) for the MY 2011 Saab 9–5 vehicle line. The petition requested an exemption from parts-marking pursuant to 49 CFR part 543, Exemption from Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment for the entire vehicle line.

Under § 543.5(a), a manufacturer may petition NHTSA to grant exemptions for one vehicle line per model year. In its petition, Saab provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the Saab 9–5 vehicle line. Saab will install its passive transponder-based, electronic immobilizer antitheft device as standard equipment on its 9–5 vehicle line beginning with MY 2011. Major components of the antitheft device will include a body control module (BCM), passive entry passive start module (PEPS), intrusion/inclination sensor, an immobilizer control module and a user identification device (UID). Activation of the immobilization device occurs when the ignition is turned to the “OFF” position. Saab will also install an audible and visual alarm system on the 9–5 as standard equipment. Saab’s submission is considered a complete petition as required by 49 CFR 543.7, in that it meets the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

Saab stated that before the vehicle can operate, driver authentication must be performed by communication between the PEPS and the BCM jointly with the UID (key fob). Additionally, verification of the electronic code is required to allow the transmission shift lever to unlock. When the Engine Start/Stop button on the instrument panel is pressed, the vehicle transmits a randomly generated 32-bit challenge and identifier. If the data matches the command and response values, authorizations are sent within the BCM to allow the vehicle to operate. Saab stated that, if incorrect responses are received at any point in the process, or if a response is not received, the system will inhibit operation of the engine.

The Saab 9–5 is equipped with a vehicle alarm system (VAS). The VAS consists of an ultrasonic sensor and vehicle inclination sensor. Any attempt to enter the vehicle by means other than the key will be detected by the VAS. Saab stated that when an unauthorized person has entered the vehicle after the system has been set, the signal lights will flash, and the horn and an additional siren alarm will provide a warning. The VAS monitors the doors, engine hood and trunk lid. Additionally, Saab stated that any attempt to access any of the system components will activate the VAS.

In addressing the specific content requirements of 543.6, Saab provided a detailed list of the tests conducted and believes that the device is reliable and durable since the device complied with its specified requirements for each test. Specifically, Saab stated that the design and assembly processes of the antitheft subsystems and components were validated for climatic, mechanical and chemical environments under the General Motors Corporation validation procedures.

In support of its belief that its antitheft device will be as effective as compliance with the parts marking requirements in reducing and deterring vehicle theft, Saab referenced the American Automobile Manufacturers Association response to Docket 97–042; NHTSA Request for Comments on its preliminary report to Congress on the effects of the Anti Car Theft Act of 1984 provides data supporting that the anti-theft device will be effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft. Additionally, Saab stated that the 2011 9–5 antitheft device, which was introduced on the 2003 Saab 9–3, has been designed to enhance the functionality and theft protection provided by Saab’s first generation antitheft system. The Saab 9–3 was formerly named the Saab 900. The antitheft device installed on the Saab 9–3 (Saab 900) was granted an exemption from the parts-marking requirements. (See 62 FR 55453).

Saab provided data on the effectiveness of the antitheft device installed on its 9–3 vehicle line in support of the belief that its device will be at least as effective as those comparable devices previously granted exemptions by the agency. The agency’s 2007 theft data showed that the theft rate for the 9–3 vehicle line has remained consistently low. The average theft rate using three MY’s data for the 9–3 is 0.4690. Based on the theft rate experience of the 9–3 vehicle line and the additional advanced technology utilized in the current 9–5 antitheft system, Saab believes that the Saab 9–5 will be more effective in deterring vehicle theft.