



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Aviation Safety

800 Independence Ave
Washington, DC 20591

May 24, 2021

Exemption No. 18304A
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2017-0132

Mr. Edgar D. Pitman
President
American Ultralight Association Inc.
P.O. Box 5248
Corning, CA 96021-5248

Dear Mr. Pitman:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your request to extend Exemption No. 18304. It transmits the FAA's decision, explains its basis, gives you the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date it ends, and lists the revised conditions and limitations.

The Basis for the FAA's Decision

By letter dated March 17, 2021, you petitioned the FAA on behalf of American Ultralight Association Inc. (AUA) for an extension of Exemption No. 18304. That exemption from § 103.1(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows AUA to operate ultralight vehicles with another occupant for the purpose of training.

The FAA's Decision

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to American Ultralight Association.

The FAA is revising Condition and Limitation No. 2 for the purpose of providing a training standard for part 103 operations.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 18304 remains valid with respect to this exemption and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I hereby grant American Ultralight Association, Inc. (AUA) an exemption from § 103.1(a) and (b) to the extent necessary to operate ultralight vehicles with another occupant for the purpose of training, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Conditions and Limitations

1. Each operation must comply with the remaining sections of part 103, except § 103.1(a) and (b).
2. All flights operating under this exemption must be for training purposes only. This exemption applies only to flights for the purpose of giving instruction in two-place powered and unpowered paragliders or hang gliders to provide students with basic skills necessary for safe flight. There is no training program requirement found in part 103, so training should provide sufficient understanding of information provided in the FAA Pilots Handbook and Powered Parachute Handbook as applicable to part 103 operations.
3. Prior to all two-occupant training flights, the student must be informed that the flight is conducted under an exemption granted by the FAA and that the two-place powered and unpowered paraglider or hang glider does not meet aircraft certification standards set forth by the FAA.
4. For identification purposes, AUA shall issue an individual authorization to each person allowed to conduct operations under this exemption. Each authorization shall include an identification number and a copy of this exemption. AUA shall also have a procedure to rescind this authority when needed.
5. Each individual who operates a two-place powered and unpowered paraglider or hang glider under the authority of this exemption must be familiar with the provisions contained herein and must have in his or her personal possession a copy of the authorization issued by AUA and a copy of this exemption. These documents shall be presented for inspection upon request by the FAA.

To request an extension to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2017-0132 (<http://www.regulations.gov>). In addition, you should submit your request no later than 120 days prior to the exemption's expiration date listed below.

To request an amendment to this exemption, please submit your request no later than 120 days prior to the date you need the amendment using the process indicated above.

Any extension or amendment request must meet the requirements of 14 CFR 11.81.

The Effect of the FAA's Decision

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 18304 to 18304A and extends the termination date to August 31, 2023 unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert C. Carty
Deputy Executive Director, Flight Standards Service