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Certificate of Waiver or Authorization Process

A substantial part of our office workload involves the approval process for various requests for waivers to the Federal Aviation Regulations, submitted [FAA Form 7711-2](#) Application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization. Occasionally, someone submits an application on short notice, usually because he or she was provided short notice by event organizers, etc. Unfortunately, this sometimes does not allow adequate time to process the application, coordinate with Air Traffic Control facilities, return it to the applicant, and issue Notices to Airmen. It is unfair to the applicant, the event organizer, and the Inspector when it is determined on Friday that the waiver process will not be completed for an event scheduled for Saturday. Therefore, we will use the following guidelines when considering whether we have adequate time to process the application.

Type of Waiver or Authorization	Arrives at FSDO before event
Parachute Demonstration Jumps	10 days
Balloon Race	15 days
Airshow	45 days
Airshow with Military Jet Demonstration Team	60 days
Aerobatic Practice Area or Contest Box	15 days
Banner Tow	30 days
Rocket Launch	10 days
Restricted Category Aircraft	5 days
External Load	5 days

Applications received after the deadlines note above will be disapproved. Please bear in mind that, when an application contains errors or is incomplete, we are not permitted to correct or alter your application in any manner. Only you may do that, and that requires