

15C1B10 Target #1 Integrate UAS into the NAS: Process (grant, deny, or close out) 85% of the exemption requests under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA) within 120 days of receipt during the current fiscal year processing cycle (October 1, 2014-June 2, 2015). (AGC, ARM, AFS) Due September 30, 2015.

Special Designations: OSI, FAA Strategic Initiatives, STI

Commentary (March 2015)

A Change request is in process to modify the UAS Exemption metric to the following: Process (grant, deny, or close out) 1387 petitions for exemption requests under Section 333 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (FMRA) and respond to the petitioner for all 1387 petitions by September 30, 2015. As of March 26, 2015, the FAA received 716 Section 333 petitions for exemption. The FAA has processed 54 petitions and 21 have been closed.

Commentary (February 2015)

Status is yellow due to volume of petitions received, the current level of analysis being done for each, and resource constraints to accomplish the required throughput levels. Incremental improvements to throughput have been gained through organizational and procedural improvements and improved electronic project tracking. The time needed for analysis of each package is under review now, focusing on issuing summary documents granting requested waivers, citing earlier precedent-setting exemptions. Results of that adjustment to the process will be available within two weeks for consideration in determining if changes to the metric are appropriate.

Section 333 Petitions for Exemption received: 553 (as of March 5, 2015) Processed within 120 days: 34 (6%)

Processed but missed 120 day deadline: 9 (2%)

Not processed but over 120 days: 10 (2%) Not processed but under 120 days: 500 (90%)

Note: Of the 43 exemptions processed, 24 were granted and 19 petitions were processed as closed out due to either: (a) did not meet part 11.81 and did not respond to the FAA's request for the missing information or (b) did not respond to the Request for Information.

Status Table (Qualitative Metric)

Period	Actual
10/2014	Green
11/2014	Green
12/2014	Green
01/2015	Yellow
02/2015	Yellow
03/2015	Yellow

✓ Indicates that the item is complete.