

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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11/18/25

SUBJ: Exemption 12555 Expiration

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice announces the expiration of Exemption 12555 and removal of guidance in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 2, Section 3, Exemption 12555, and explains the action inspectors who have oversight of exemption holders must take. This notice contains information that is administrative in nature.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is the aviation safety inspectors (ASI) within the Flight Standards Service (FS), Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO), certificate management offices (CMO), and responsible Flight Standards offices. The secondary audience includes the Office of Safety Standards (OSS).
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- 4. Background.** In 2015, the FAA granted a one-time, time-limited exemption from Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) § 91.227(c)(1)(i) and (iii) to operators who notified the FAA of their intent to comply with specified conditions and limitations. Exemption 12555 expires at midnight on December 31, 2024. Due to the expiration, content in Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 2, Section 3 is deleted, and the section is reserved.
- 5. Actions.** After December 31, 2024, inspectors with oversight of operators holding Exemption 12555 should remove it from their Operations Specification (OpSpec) A005, Exemptions and Deviations. The exemption to remove will read: "Grants qualifying aircraft operators a time-limited exemption from 14 CFR § 91.227(c)(1)(i) and (iii), from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024. Operator must comply with conditions and limitations specified in the Grant of Exemption, Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-0971. Exempt aircraft retain certification and compliance to § 91.227."

6. Disposition. The information in this notice will not be incorporated into Order 8900.1. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-400) at 202-267-8790 or via email at 9-AWA-AVS-AFS410@faa.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy R. Adams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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