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**Federal Aviation
Administration**

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Exemption No. 12403A
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-1898

Mr. Jason Abkowitz
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Dear Mr. Abkowitz:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition for an amendment. It explains the basis for our decision, describes its effect, and lists any changes to the original conditions and limitations.

By letter dated January 15, 2016, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Raytheon Company (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an amendment to your current exemption. That exemption from §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows the petitioner to conduct UAS operations. You requested an amendment to change the company name from Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems to Raytheon Company.¹²

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

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

¹ The petitioner also requested to add aircraft. At this time, the FAA is unable to act on this request. When the FAA is ready to act, we will proceed accordingly and no further action will be required by the petitioner.

² The petitioner also requested relief from the statutory requirement to hold an airman's certificate. The FAA does not possess the authority to exempt the petitioner from the statutory requirement to hold an airman certificate as prescribed in 49 USC § 44711. In Exemption No. 11213 issued to Aeryon Labs, the FAA has determined that operations can safely be conducted under this exemption by a PIC holding an airline transport, commercial, private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate.

Our Decision

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 12403 remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, the operator is granted an amendment to change the operator name.

The operator shall add this amendment to its original exemption.

Conditions and Limitations

In this grant of amendment, Raytheon Company is hereafter referred to as the operator. All conditions and limitations within Grant of Exemption No. 12403 remain in effect.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

This exemption terminates on August 31, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Duncan

Director, Flight Standards Service