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**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

800 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20591

March 15, 2017

Exemption No. 17262  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2017-0050

Mr. John Goglia  
President  
Aerospace Maintenance Council  
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Jenks, OK 74037

Dear Mr. Goglia:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your request for exemption. It transmits our decision, explains its basis, and gives you the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date it ends.

### **The Basis for Our Decision**

By letter dated January 19, 2017, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Aerospace Maintenance Council (AMC) for an exemption from § 147.21 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) to the extent necessary to allow Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) students to seek credit for time spent preparing for and competing in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition.

The FAA has issued a grant of exemption in circumstances similar in all material respects to those presented in your petition. In Grant of Exemption No. 5297, as amended (copy enclosed), the FAA found that a grant of exemption would increase public awareness of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of the certificated aviation maintenance technician. The FAA noted that it endorses any activity that publicizes the professionalism and competence of those persons responsible for aviation safety. The FAA determined that allowing authorized faculty members of the individual schools to determine if the time students devoted to the U.S. Skill Olympics is creditable toward satisfying the requirements of § 147.21 is an acceptable method of ensuring the intent of this section is complied with.

Having reviewed your reasons for requesting an exemption, I find that:

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- They are similar in all material respects to relief previously requested in the enclosed Grant of Exemption No. 5297, as amended;
- The reasons stated by the FAA for granting the enclosed Grant of Exemption No. 5297, as amended, also apply to the situation you present; and
- For the reasons stated in Grant of Exemption No. 5297, as amended, a grant of exemption is in the public interest.

### **Our 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 AMC.

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 Aerospace Maintenance Council (AMC) an exemption from 14 CFR § 147.21 to the extent necessary to allow Aviation Maintenance Technician School (AMTS) students to seek credit for time spent preparing for and competing in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition, subject to the conditions and limitations described below.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

1. This exemption is valid only for substitution of the curriculum requirements of § 147.21 for the purpose of student participation in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition.
2. Only authorized faculty members of schools whose students participate in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition may determine if student time dedicated to preparing for and participating in the Aerospace Maintenance Competition may be considered creditable to satisfy the requirements of § 147.21.

3. Creditable time is limited to a maximum of 60 hours per student per year.

This exemption terminates on March 31, 2019, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Barbagallo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

**John Barbagallo**  
**Deputy Director, Flight Standards Service**

Enclosure



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April 30, 1996

Exemption No. 5297C  
Regulatory Docket No. 26349

Mr. Harold E. Lewis  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

This is in response to your March 4, 1996, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Inc. (VICA), for an extension of Exemption No. 5297, as amended. That exemption from Section 147.21 of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits aviation maintenance technician schools whose students participate in the U.S. Skill Olympics, sponsored by VICA, to allow authorized faculty members of those schools to determine if the student time dedicated to preparing for and participating in the U.S. Skill Olympics, up to 60 hours per student, per year, may be considered creditable in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 147.21.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 5297, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. Sections 40113 and 44701, formerly Sections 313(a) and 601(c) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, delegated to me by the Administrator (14 CFR Section 11.53), Exemption No. 5297, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its April 30, 1996, termination date to April 30, 1998, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 5297, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 5297.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas C. Accardi  
Director, Flight Standards Service