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Exemption No. 9791A  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2008-1249

Mr. Douglas Lane  
Director, Airplane Certification and Regulatory Affairs  
The Boeing Company  
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Dear Mr. Lane:

This letter is to inform you that we have amended Exemption No.9791. It explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

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

By e-mail dated December 17, 2008, you contacted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of The Boeing Company for an amendment to Exemption No. 9791. That exemption from § 25.853(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, allows Boeing temporary relief from the flammability-testing requirements for various interior panels on multiple Boeing airplane types, as listed in the partial grant of exemption. The amendment you request would include the Boeing Model 717 to the list of affected models identified in the partial grant of exemption. That model was included in your original petition but was inadvertently excluded from the original partial grant of exemption.

Your e-mail includes 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 Boeing Company.

### **Our Decision**

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 9791 remains valid with respect to this amendment and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. 40113 and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I grant your petition.

**The Effect of Our Decision**

All conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 9791 remain the same. This letter must be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 9791.

Sincerely,

/s/

Stephen P. Boyd  
Acting Manager,  
Transport Airplane Directorate,  
Aircraft Certification Service