



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA-2021-0649; Summary Notice No. - 2025-31]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Pyka Inc.

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

DATES: Comments on this petition must identify the petition docket number and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 20 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send comments identified by docket number [FAA-2021-0649] using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
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PETITION FOR EXEMPTION

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Petitioner: Pyka Inc.

Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected: §§ 61.3(a)(1)(i), 61.3(c)(1), 61.23(a)(2), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a), 91.403(b), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1), 91.409(a)(2), 91.417(a), 91.417(b), 137.19(c), 137.19(d), 137.31(a), 137.31(b), 137.33(a), 137.33(b), 137.41(c), 137.42.

Description of Relief Sought: Pyka Inc. (Pyka) seeks to amend Exemption No. 20445A granting operations with the Pyka Pelican (Pelican) unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for agricultural spraying operations beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) of the pilot-in-command (PIC) when a visual observer (VO) in continuous direct communication with the PIC is used to maintain VLOS of the unmanned aircraft (UA) and monitor the airspace around the UA for any non-participating aircraft or potential collision hazards, and closer than 500 feet to, but not directly over, non-participating persons, vehicles, and structures upon demonstrating an acceptable number of successful flight hours with the Pelican UAS.

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