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**SUBJECT:** Petition for Exemption to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 21.463 (b)

Dear Sir,

Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 21, Section 21.463 (b), states that within 30 days after the date of issue of the STC, the Designated Alteration Station (DAS) shall submit to the Administrator:

- (1) Two copies of the STC.
- (2) One copy of the design data approved by the DAS and referred to in the STC.
- (3) One copy of each inspection and test report.
- (4) Two copies of each revision to the Aircraft Flight Manual or to the operating limitation, and any other information and test report.

On October 21, 2003, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (GAC) began the second phase of a Partnership for Safety Plan (PSP). The first phase of this plan covered Gulfstream's design and production operations in Savannah, Georgia.

The PSP, Phase II initiatives define the way in which the four GAC completion centers will work with: FAA's Aircraft Certification Offices (ACO), FAA's Manufacturing District Offices (MIDO) and Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) in completing FAA approval of projects such as the installation of complete new business interiors and other major modifications and repairs. The aircraft modifications that are accomplished under the DAS are FAA approved via Supplemental Type Certificates (STC) issued by four Gulfstream Designated Alteration Stations (DAS).

According to 14 CFR § 21.463 (b), within 30 days of the completion of a DAS STC project, a duplicate copy of the required compliance records are to be submitted to the managing FAA Aircraft Certification Office (ACO).

Currently, each GAC DAS organization has an agreement in place with their respective ACO regarding the submission of STC documentation including compliance and design records.

As delineated within the FAA approved DAS Procedures Manual, each Gulfstream DAS also maintains complete STC compliance records in secured storage areas acceptable to the FAA. Selected Gulfstream employees are assigned to maintain this type of data package and it must be held in a secure file with limited access.

Based on the aforementioned facts, Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation hereby petitions the FAA for exemption to Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 21.463 (b). The foundation for this petition includes the following.

- The establishment of the Partnership for Safety Plan, Phase II for data submittal to the FAA ACO after issuance of a DAS STC.
- The establishment of DAS STC data retention requirements at each Gulfstream DAS facility in accordance with the FAA approved DAS Procedures Manual.
- To reduce the duplication of voluminous paper records being submitted to the FAA and for the associated storage requirements and costs.

In the interest of paperwork reduction, duplicate compliance records need not be submitted to the FAA occupying space in the FAA record storage facilities. The complete project file is maintained indefinitely by the DAS facility in a secure location with limited access. The DAS project files are maintained and retained indefinitely or until DAS authorization is surrendered or terminated. The project files shall be forwarded to the FAA Administrator upon request.

This exemption will provide an efficient means whereby each DAS may establish an agreement with their respective Aircraft Certification Office to compile and maintain DAS STC design and compliance records. This exemption is requested for the following Gulfstream DAS facilities.

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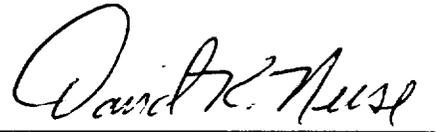
In summary, the four GAC DAS facilities request exemption from (CFR) § 21.463 (b) to reduce the duplication and submittal of the project data file for each STC issued under the DAS authorization. The exemption will provide the ability for each DAS and their cognizant ACO to arrive at an acceptable agreement for the retention of DAS project file records on behalf of the FAA.

We trust this petition for exemption has provided you with the necessary information. Should you require further clarification, please contact the DAS Administrators signing this petition.

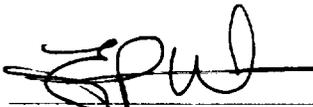
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