

publish the annual Special 301 Report about April 26, 2024.

## II. Public Comments

To facilitate this year's review, written comments should be as detailed as possible and provide all necessary information to identify and assess the effect of the acts, policies and practices. USTR invites written comments that provide specific references to laws, regulations, policy statements, including innovation policies, executive, presidential or other orders, and administrative, court or other determinations that should factor into the review. USTR also requests that, where relevant, submissions mention particular regions, provinces, states or other subdivisions of a country in which an act, policy or practice is believed to warrant special attention. Finally, submissions proposing countries for review should include data, loss estimates, and other information regarding the economic impact on the United States, U.S. industry, and the U.S. workforce caused by the denial of adequate and effective IP protection. Comments that include quantitative loss claims should include the methodology used to calculate the estimated losses.

## III. Public Hearing

The Special 301 Subcommittee will convene a public hearing on February 21, 2024, in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC, at which interested persons, including representatives of foreign governments, may appear to provide oral testimony. If necessary, the hearing may continue on the next business day. Because the hearing will take place in Federal facilities, attendees must show photo identification and will be screened for security purposes. Please consult the USTR website at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/intellectual-property/Special-301> to confirm the date and location of the hearing and to obtain copies of the hearing schedule. USTR also will post the transcript and recording of the hearing on the USTR website as soon after the hearing as possible. Witnesses must deliver prepared oral testimony, which is limited to five minutes, before the Special 301 Subcommittee in person and in English. Subcommittee member agencies may ask questions following the prepared statement.

Witnesses not from foreign governments must submit a notice of intent to testify and a hearing statement by January 30, 2024, and foreign government witnesses must submit a notice of intent to testify and a hearing statement by February 13, 2024. The submissions must be in English and

must include: (1) the name, address, telephone number, email address, and firm or affiliation of the individual wishing to testify, and (2) a hearing statement that is relevant to the Special 301 review.

## IV. Submission Instructions

All submissions must be in English and sent electronically via *Regulations.gov* using docket number USTR–2023–0014. To submit comments, locate the docket (folder) by entering the number USTR–2023–0014 in the ‘search for dockets or documents on agency actions’ window at the *Regulations.gov* home page and click ‘search.’ The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Locate the reference to this notice by selecting ‘notice’ under ‘document type’ on the left side of the search-results page, and click on the link entitled ‘comment’.

USTR requests that you provide comments in an attached document, and that you name the file according to the following protocol: Commenter Name or Organization\_2024 Special 301\_Review\_Comment, or Notice of Intent to Testify or Hearing Statement. Please include the following information in the ‘start typing comment here’ field: ‘2024 Special 301 Review’ and whether the submission is a comment, a request to testify at the hearing, or a hearing statement. Please submit documents prepared in (or compatible with) Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) formats. If you prepare the submission in a compatible format, please indicate the name of the relevant software application in the ‘start typing comment here’ field. For further information on using *Regulations.gov*, please select ‘FAQ’ on the bottom of any page.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files.

For any comments that contains business confidential information (BCI), the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters ‘BCI’. Any page containing BCI must be clearly marked ‘BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL’ on the top of that page and the submission should clearly indicate, via brackets, highlighting or other means, the specific information that is business confidential. A filer requesting business confidential treatment must certify that

the information is business confidential and that they would not customarily release it to the public. Additionally, the filer should type ‘business confidential’ in the ‘start typing comment here’ field. Filers of comments containing BCI also must submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character ‘P’. The ‘BCI’ and ‘P’ should be followed by the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Filers submitting comments containing no BCI should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

As noted, USTR strongly urges commenters to submit comments through *Regulations.gov*. You must make any alternative arrangements before transmitting a document and in advance of the relevant deadline by contacting USTR at *Special301@ustr.eop.gov*.

USTR will place comments in the docket and they will be open to public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view comments on *Regulations.gov* by entering Docket Number USTR–2023–0014 in the ‘search’ field on the home page.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA–2023–0546; Summary Notice No. 2023–49]

### Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Mammoth Freighters, LLC

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for exemption received.

**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 or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must identify the petition docket number and

must be received on or before January 4, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments identified by docket number FAA–2023–0546 using any of the following methods:

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

- *Mail:* Send comments to Docket Operations, M–30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12–140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *Fax:* Fax comments to Docket Operations at 202–493–2251.

*Privacy:* Privacy: Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in title 14, Code of Federal regulations (14 CFR) 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information you provide. The FAA will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received.

*Docket:* Background documents or comments received may be read at <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket or go to the Docket Operations in Room W12–140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Valerie Smith, AIR–646, Federal Aviation Administration, phone 404–474–5380, email [valerie.l.smith@faa.gov](mailto:valerie.l.smith@faa.gov).

This notice is published pursuant to 14 CFR 11.85.

Issued in Washington, District of Columbia on November 30, 2023.

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**Petition for Exemption**

*Docket No.:* FAA–2023–0546.

*Petitioner:* Mammoth Freighters, LLC.

*Section(s) of 14 CFR Affected:*

§§ 25.785(j), 25.812(e), 25.813(b), 25.857(e), 25.1447(c)(1), 25.1449.

*Description of Relief Sought:* The petitioner is seeking relief from the affected sections of 14 CFR, to support

supplemental type certificate approval for the conversion of Boeing Model 777–200LR and 777–300ER series airplanes from an all-passenger configuration to an all-cargo configuration and allow for supernumerary access into the Class E cargo compartment during flight.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA–2023–2372]

**Agency Information Collection**

**Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. This collection affects persons who have a need to deviate from certain regulations that govern use of airspace within the United States. The request also describes the burden associated with authorizations to make parachute jumps and operate unmanned aircraft (including moored balloons, kites, unmanned rockets, and small unmanned free balloons) and small unmanned aircraft systems.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by February 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments:

*By Electronic Docket:* [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (Enter docket number into search field).

*By mail:* Chris Morris, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20591.

*By email:* [chris.morris@faa.gov](mailto:chris.morris@faa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Raymond Plessinger by email at: [raymond.plessinger@faa.gov](mailto:raymond.plessinger@faa.gov); phone: (717) 774–8271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity

of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120–0027.

*Title:* Application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization.

*Form Numbers:* FAA form 7711–2.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Background:* The information collected by FAA Form 7711–2, Application for Certificate of Waiver or Authorization, is reviewed and analyzed by the FAA to determine the type and extent of the intended deviation from prescribed regulations. A certificate of waiver or authorization to deviate is generally issued to the applicant (individuals and businesses) if the proposed operation does not create a hazard to persons, property, or other aircraft, and includes the operation of unmanned aircraft. Applications for certificates of waiver to the provisions of parts 91 and 101 are made by using FAA Form 7711–2. Application for authorization to make parachute jumps (other than emergency or military operations) under part 105, section 105.15 (airshows and meets) also uses FAA Form 7711–2. Application for other types of parachute jumping activities are submitted in various ways; e.g., in writing, in person, by telephone, etc.

Persons authorized to deviate from provisions of part 101 are required to give notice of actual activities. Persons operating in accordance with the provisions of part 101 are also required to give notice of actual activities. In both instances, the notice of information required is the same. Therefore, the burden associated with applications for certificates of waiver or authorization and the burden associated with notices of actual aircraft activities are identified and included in this request for clearance.

Regarding operation of small unmanned aircraft systems under part 107, to obtain a certificate of waiver, an applicant will have to submit a request containing a complete description of the proposed operation and a justification, including supporting data and documentation as necessary that establishes that the proposed operation can safely be conducted under the terms of a certificate of waiver. The FAA expects that the amount of data and analysis required as part of the application will be proportional to the specific relief that is requested.

*Respondents:* 26,495, including approximately 5,500 annual