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SERVICE LETTER

SL-090624-A

ID NUMBER & REVISION: SL-090624-A

SUBJECT: Weight Exemption POH Update

RELEASE DATE: 18 October 2024 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** 18 October 2024

SUPERSEDES NOTICE: N/A

AIRCRAFT AFFECTED: MAKE & MODEL: A5

SERIAL NUMBERS: 00001-00224

ACTION: Revise Chapters 2 and 9 of the Pilot's Operating Handbook and insert the

new FAA Weight Exemption Letter No. 10829D. This is required for

continued airworthiness.

TIME OF COMPLIANCE: Before next flight REVISION HISTORY: A Initial Release

LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION ⊠ Pilot/Owner ⊠ A & P

REQUIRED (any level checked ⊠ LSA Repairman – Inspection ⊠ Certified Repair Station

PURPOSE:

Due to the legal name change from "ICON Aircraft" to "SG Investment America DBA ICON Aircraft, Inc.", the FAA Weight Exemption Letter (10829) has been revised. To ensure FAA compliance, all aircraft are required to have the latest copy of this Exemption Letter in the aircraft.

NOTE: The Weight Exemption Letter 10829D is only valid for U.S.-registered, Light Sport Aircraft. For all other aircraft, refer to the applicable registration and/or certification requirements.

ASSEMBLIES AND PARTS:

PART	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ALTERNATE	
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
N/A				

IF APPLICABLE, SERVICE KITS:

KIT NUMBER	CONTENT PARTS	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
N/A			

INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: These instructions are valid for POHs **ICA013115-B4, ICA015920-A, and ICA016024-A.** Replacing the POH with any revisions or alternate documents released after this Letter also satisfies the requirements of this Letter.

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- 1. Obtain the physical copy of the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH), stored in the aircraft.
- 2. Identify Chapter 2.18 "Exemption Required Equipment Limitations" in the Handbook.
- 3. Line through "10829C" and write "10829D" as shown.

2.18 EXEMPTION REQUIRED EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS

Per FAA exemption number 10829C, all interior panels, floorboards, and other covers must be installed for flight. In addition, the AOA and ballistic recovery parachute systems must be functional.

2.19 PLACARDS

- 4. Identify Chapter 9.7 "FAA Exemption" in the Handbook.
- 5. Line through "10829C" and write "10829D" as shown. Above the document printed in the POH, write "See 10829D attached", then line out the pages of the 10829C document.



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- 6. Print the attached Exemption Letter and insert the pages in Chapter 9.7 of the Handbook.
- 7. In the Frontmatter of the Handbook, locate the "Record of Manual/Handbook Revisions" and add an entry with today's date, Chapters 2 and 9, and your name.

If applicable, make the following logbook entry:

"The instructions of Service Letter SL-090624-A (Weight Exemption POH Update) have been complied with (ref. FAA Exemption 10829D)".

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this Service Letter and/or if you are no longer owner/operator of this aircraft, please forward this information to the present owner/operator and notify ICON Aircraft at:

ICON Aircraft
2141 ICON Way, Suite 100
Vacaville, CA 95688
(707) 564-4000
support@iconaircraft.com

Please include the aircraft registration number, serial number, your name, and if known the contact information of the new owner/operator.

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Aviation Safety

800 Independence Ave Washington, DC 20591

Administration

September 6, 2024

Exemption No. 10829D Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2012-0514

Mr. Jason Huang President SG Investment America d.b.a. ICON Aircraft, Inc. 2141 ICON Way, Suite 100 Vacaville, California 95688

Dear Mr. Huang:

This letter is to inform you that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted your petition to amend Exemption No. 10829C. This letter transmits the FAA's decision, explains its basis, and provides the conditions and limitations of the exemption, including the date the exemption ends.

The Basis for the FAA's Decision

By letter dated August 15, 2024, you petitioned the FAA on behalf of SG Investment America DBA ICON Aircraft, Inc. (ICON) for an amendment to Exemption No. 10829C. That exemption from §§ 21.181(a)(3), 21.190(a), 43.3(c), 43.7(g), 61.89(c), 61.303(a), 61.315(a), 61.411(a), 61.415, 61.429(b), and 65.107(b) and (c) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows:

- ICON A5 aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) of 1,680 pounds to be eligible for the issuance of a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category.
- Persons exercising the privileges of a sport pilot certificate or student pilots seeking a sport pilot certificate to operate the ICON A5 and to permit flight time obtained in the ICON A5 to be considered flight time received in a light-sport aircraft.
- Persons exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating to provide flight training in the ICON A5.
- Holders of sport pilot certificates and repairman certificates (light-sport aircraft) with a
 maintenance rating or an inspection rating to perform maintenance and preventive
 maintenance on ICON A5 aircraft as authorized within those sections.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The requested amendment would change the name of the exemption holder from ICON to SG Investment America DBA ICON Aircraft, Inc. due to a change in corporate structure. The request for amendment did not request additional changes to operations or the conditions and limitations.

The FAA's Decision

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the *Federal Register*. The FAA has determined that good cause exists because the requested extension of the exemption, as amended, would not set a precedent and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to ICON.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 10829C, remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority provided by 49 U.S.C. §§ 106(f), 40113, and 44701, which the FAA Administrator has delegated to me, I hereby grant SG Investment America DBA ICON Aircraft, Inc. an exemption from 14 CFR §§ 21.181(a)(3), 21.190(a), 43.3(c), 43.7(g), 61.89(c), 61.303(a), 61.315(a), 61.411(a), 61.415, 61.429(b), 65.107(b), and 65.107(c) as necessary to allow:

- ICON A5 aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) of 1,680 pounds to be eligible for issuance of a special airworthiness certificate in the light-sport category.
- Persons exercising the privileges of a sport pilot certificate or student pilots seeking a sport pilot certificate to operate the ICON A5 and to permit flight time obtained in the ICON A5 to be considered flight time received in a light-sport aircraft.
- Persons exercising the privileges of a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating to provide flight training in the ICON A5.
- Holders of sport pilot certificates and repairman certificates (light-sport aircraft) with a maintenance rating or an inspection rating to perform maintenance and preventive maintenance on ICON A5 aircraft as authorized within those sections.

This grant of exemption is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Conditions and Limitations

- 1. This exemption applies to the ICON Aircraft model number A5, serial numbers 00001–99999.
- 2. ICON may issue the manufacturer's statement of compliance required by 14 CFR § 21.190(b)(1)(iii) for its model A5 aircraft indicating a maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) of up to 1680 pounds (762 kilograms), provided the aircraft meets all

- applicable requirements of 14 CFR § 21.190 and the conditions and limitations specified in this exemption.
- 3. ICON must supply each purchaser of an ICON A5 certificated under the provisions of this exemption with a copy of the exemption. A copy of this exemption must be carried on board each aircraft during its operation.
- 4. The manufacturer's statement of compliance required by 14 CFR § 21.190(b)(1)(iii) must:
 - a. State that the aircraft meets the provisions of the applicable consensus standard, and the design requirements specified in these conditions and limitations.
 - b. State that the aircraft meets the spin resistance standards of 14 CFR § 23.221(a)(2) without exceeding the pilot force limits of ASTM F2245 for temporary application.
 - c. State that the following safety design features have been incorporated into the aircraft:
 - i. An angle of attack (AOA) indicator that includes an indication of sensed AOA rate, allowing the pilot to identify the margin above the stall.
 - ii. Aerodynamic characteristics and reversible flight controls that provide stall recovery capability and spin resistance without the use of a stick pusher or other automatic flight control system.
 - iii. Design features that allow recovery from a wings-level power-off stall with an altitude loss of 300 feet or less.
 - iv. Aerodynamic characteristics that limit the vertical descent rate to 20 ft/s (1200 ft/min) or less during a fully developed wings-level power-off stall.
 - v. Interior panels separating and protecting occupants from flight controls, cables, and other systems.
 - vi. A ballistic recovery complete-aircraft parachute system in compliance with the latest FAA-accepted revision of ASTM International Standard F2316.
 - vii. Compliance with ASTM International Standard F2245-12c until superseded by a later FAA-accepted revision of F2245.
- 5. Any person who holds a sport pilot certificate who does not have airplane category and single-engine land and sea class privileges and seeks to obtain privileges to operate the

- ICON A5 aircraft must receive the logbook endorsements, complete the proficiency check, and complete the application specified in 14 CFR § 61.321.
- 6. Any person who holds a sport pilot certificate and seeks privileges to operate the ICON A5 aircraft at an airport within, or in airspace within, Class B, C, and D airspace or in other airspaces with an airport having an operational control tower must receive and log the ground and flight training and obtain the endorsement specified in 14 CFR § 61.325.
- 7. Any person who holds a sport pilot certificate and seeks to operate the ICON A5 aircraft must receive and log the ground and flight training and obtain the endorsement specified in 14 CFR § 61.327(b).
- 8. Any person who performs maintenance or preventive maintenance on the ICON model A5 under the provisions of this exemption must include a reference to this exemption in the maintenance record entry required to be made under the provisions of 14 CFR §§ 43.9 or 43.11, as applicable.
- 9. ICON must maintain a record of all failures, malfunctions, or defects of the ICON model A5 spin-resistant airframe and report any failure, malfunction, or defect of the airframe and any stall or spin-related accident or incident involving the model A5 to the FAA LSA Program Manager within 48 hours after learning of the occurrence.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions and limitations may result in the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

The Effect of the FAA's Decision

The FAA's decision amends Exemption No. 10829C to 10829D and maintains the termination date of June 30, 2028, unless sooner superseded or rescinded. This exemption grants the requested amendment to change the exemption holder's name to SG Investment America DBA ICON Aircraft, Inc.

To request an extension or amendment to this exemption, please submit your request by using the Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2012-0514 (http://www.regulations.gov). In addition, you should submit your request for extension or amendment no later than 120 days before the expiration date listed above, or the date you need the amendment, respectively.

Any extension or amendment request must meet the requirements of 14 CFR § 11.81.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brian Cable Manager, System Policy Branch Policy and Standards Division Aircraft Certification Service