

**EXEMPTION FROM SUBPARAGRAPH 602.33, 705.56(1)(a), 602.13(1), 602.14(2)(a)(i), 901.11(1) OF
THE
CANADIAN AVIATION REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to subsection 5.9(2) of the *Aeronautics Act*, and after having taken into account that this exemption is both in the public interest and is not likely to adversely affect aviation safety, I hereby exempt **SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE, H0H 0H0, CANADA**, from the requirements set out in the following subparagraphs of the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* (CARs) when using a reindeer powered aeroplane;

- 602.33 – Supersonic Flights;
- 705.56(1)(a) – Take-off Weight Limitations;
- 602.13(1) – Take-offs, Approaches and Landings within Built-up Areas of Cities and Towns;
- 602.14(2)(a)(i) – Minimum Altitudes and Distances.
- 901.11(1) – Visual Line-of-sight

The above mentioned subparagraphs prohibit the operation of an aeroplane at a true Mach number of 1 or greater speed; limit the take-off weight of an aircraft to the maximum established weights specified in the aircraft flight manual; limit take-off, approach and landing within the built-up area of a city or town; prohibit the operation of an aeroplane over an open-air assembly of persons at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet; prohibit the operation of a remotely piloted aircraft unless in a visual-line-of-sight.

NOTE: This exemption does not permit the operator to reduce the content in its approved flight crew member annual training program. The performance of the required hands-on practical drills shall either be completed within the validity period of the annual training or deferred for successful completion at a later date by each flight crew member.

This exemption provides temporary measures in the public interest in response to travel restrictions and other impediments that air operators are encountering in the training of flight crew members following the declaration of a pandemic outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11th, 2020.

Purpose

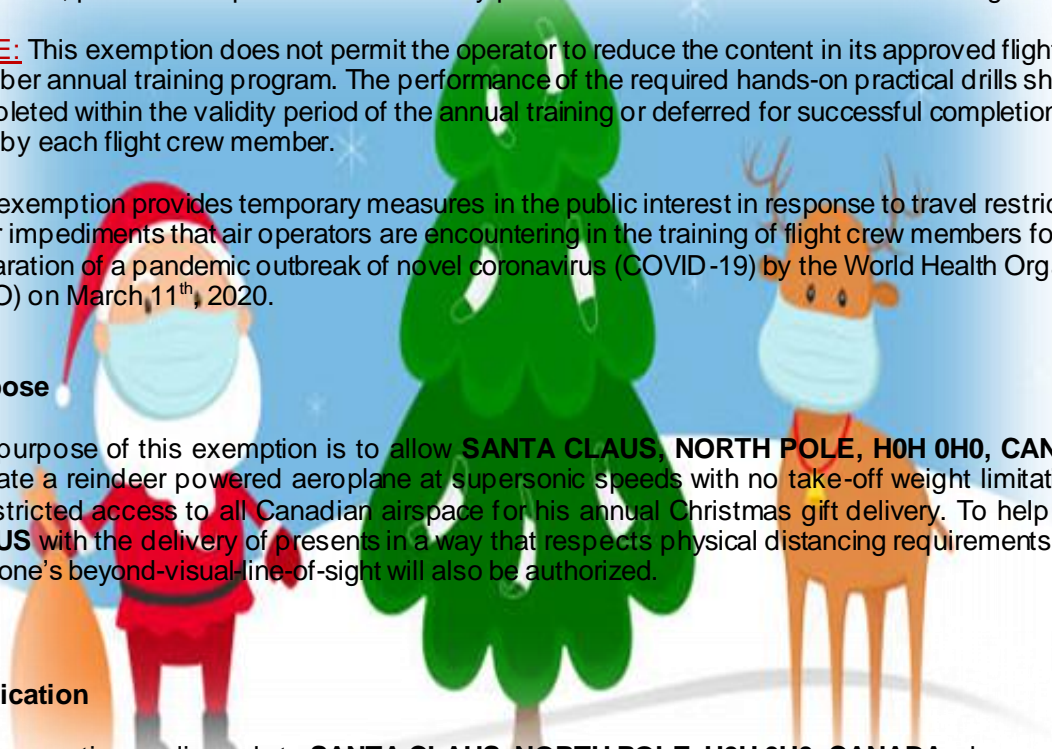
The purpose of this exemption is to allow **SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE, H0H 0H0, CANADA** to operate a reindeer powered aeroplane at supersonic speeds with no take-off weight limitations and unrestricted access to all Canadian airspace for his annual Christmas gift delivery. To help **SANTA CLAUS** with the delivery of presents in a way that respects physical distancing requirements, the use of drone's beyond-visual-line-of-sight will also be authorized.

Application

This exemption applies only to **SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE, H0H 0H0, CANADA** when operating a reindeer powered aeroplane; operating in Canada under Aircraft Registration HOHO-HO.

Conditions

This exemption is granted subject to the following conditions:



1. **SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE, HOH OH0, CANADA**, remains subject to subsection 605.17(1) – Use of position and Anti-collision Lights; which regulates the use of aircraft position lights and anti-collision lights. The use of a **RED-NOSED REINDEER** to illuminate and guide **SANTA's** reindeer powered aeroplane is an acceptable means of compliance with subsection 605.17(1);
2. This exemption shall be used for official Santa business only;
3. In order to be able to distribute gifts, only persons essential to these operations are allowed to be on board the sled;
4. Persons on board the sled must have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days and always have their vaccination passport with them;
5. Santa is to wear a mask at all times, including when entering houses to deliver presents and
6. Use of hand sanitization is to be used by all occupants prior to boarding the sled at all times.

Validity

This exemption is in effect until the earliest of the following:

- a. December 26, 2021 at 23:59 EST;
- b. the date on which Christmas gift delivery has been completed;
- c. the date on which any of the conditions set out in this exemption are breached; or
- d. the date on which this exemption is cancelled in writing by the Minister, where he is of the opinion that it is no longer in the public interest, or that it is likely to adversely affect aviation safety.

Dated at Ottawa, (Ontario), this 15th day of December 2021, on behalf of the Minister of Transport.

“Original signed by”

Nicholas Robinson
Director General
Civil Aviation
Transport Canada

Happy Holidays to All!!!