

Survival Factual Report – Attachment 8
Signed FAA Approval Letter

SURVIVAL FACTORS

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U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

06-18-2018

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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

As noted in “Operators and Pilots of “Doors Off” Flights for Compensation or Hire” Emergency Order of Prohibition, Docket No. FAA-2018-0243 (“the Order”), issued March 22, 2018 (83 FR 12856), persons may operate doors off flights for compensation or hire involving supplemental passenger restraint systems (SPRS) if the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has determined that the restraints to be used can be quickly released by a passenger with minimal difficulty and without impeding egress from the aircraft in an emergency.

The FAA has fully considered your submission, including video of the release mechanism(s), against the stated criteria in the Order. This stated criteria includes that the ability of a passenger to quickly release the restraint with minimal difficulty must be inherent to the SPRS; that it must not require the use of a knife to cut the restraint, the use of any other additional tool, or the assistance of any other person; and that the supplemental passenger restraint also must not require passenger training beyond what would be provided in a pre-flight briefing.

Based on the information you submitted, the FAA has determined that the SPRS listed below meets the stated criteria and can be quickly released by a passenger with minimal difficulty and without impeding egress from the aircraft in an emergency.

| Name Organization Mailing Address Email Address | System Components Including Manufacturer’s Make and Model | Certification Standard for each Component |
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| Brian Rosenberg East West Helicopters 78 John Miller Way Kearny, NJ 07032 brian@flynyon.com | SPRS components: 1. Air Rescue Systems (ARS) 338 Heli-Ops Harness 2. ARS Personal Retention Lanyard with Quick Release | ARS ISO 9001 "Advanced Helicopter Operations Equipment Certificate." |

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| | Device (PRL-QRD) 3. ARS Primary Anchor - 16" | NFPA 1983 and ANSI/ASSE 2359.12(09)-1992 specifications for personnel restraints. |
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If issued to a pilot or operator, this Letter of Authorization must be carried on the aircraft whenever the SPRS is used on any doors off flight operation for compensation or hire.

If issued to an individual, this Letter of Authorization may be used by you, at the discretion of the pilot/operator, on any doors off flight operation for compensation or hire. You must provide a copy of this Letter of Authorization to the pilot/operator prior to participating in the conduct of a doors off flight operation using this Letter of Authorization.

All occupants must use integrated aircraft FAA approved restraints, as per Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) §§ 91.107(a)(3), 125.211(b), 135.128(a) and 121.311(b), as applicable, during movement on the surface, takeoff, and landing.

This Letter of Authorization is valid for five years from the date of issue. This Letter of Authorization may be rescinded at any time at the discretion of the Administrator.

Sincerely,

Jodi L. Baker for
John S. Duncan
Executive Director, Flight Standards Service