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Re: Docket #FAA-2001-11133; Notice No. 02-03

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) respectfully submits to you our response to the above Docket entitled Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft.

Our particular concern focuses on medical certification. Although we are mindful of the restrictions of sports flying, we strongly reaffirm our conviction that all pilots of powered flight (single engine aircraft) should undergo initial and periodic medical examinations. Since a Class III medical examination is the current FAA standard for General Aviation, it should also be that for sports flying within this single engine category. We do agree that a drivers license is acceptable for ultra lights balloons, gliders, and powered parachutes.

The basic issue is that of flying safety. Of all categories of flying, General Aviation claims the vast majority of aircraft accidents and incidents. Consequently, the Aerospace Medical Association strongly recommends that pilots engaged in sports flying (single engine aircraft) meet General Aviation Class III medical certification requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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