

DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. Comments must identify the TSO file number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Lewis, Technical Programs & Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 815, Washington, DC 20591; Telephone No.—(202) 493-4841; FAX No.—(202) 267-5340; E-mail address—[John.Lewis@faa.gov](mailto:John.Lewis@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address.

Comments received on the proposed TSO may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, weekdays except Federal holidays, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments specified above will be considered by the Director, Aircraft Certification Service before issuing the final TSO.

##### Background

Traditionally, avionics systems consisted of dedicated Line Replaceable Units (LRUs) which performed specific functions such as autoflight, flight management, and flight deck display. TSOs were written for these LRUs and their functions. Advancements in digital technology have created a trend toward higher levels of integration and modularity. In many modern integrated systems software determines functionality, while hardware serves as a platform for input, output, data storage, and software execution. Since these basic attributes tend to be similar for various applications, efficiencies can be gained by using various types of generic airborne hardware elements to execute these functions.

This TSO refers to these generic hardware elements as "IMA hardware elements", which includes modules, cabinets, or racks. A module may contain software to enable electronic part marking and/or future loading of functional software. These modules will not function without being installed in specific cabinets or racks. Module types may include data processing modules,

power supply modules, communication and data bus modules, or others. Cabinets or racks are used to host IMA modules. These cabinets or racks may be simple mechanical enclosures, or they may incorporate active cooling elements, power supplies, communication interfaces, backplanes for data and power, or any combination of these features.

##### How to Obtain Copies

You may obtain a copy of the proposed TSO via Internet (<http://av-info.faa.gov/software/drafts.htm>) or on request from the office listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of Document Nos. RTCA/DO-160D (change 2), RTCA/DO-178B, and RTCA/DO-254 may be purchased from the RTCA Inc., 1828 L Street, NW., Suite 807, Washington, DC 20036 (website: <http://www.rtca.org>). Aviation Recommended Practice number ARP-4754 may be obtained from the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001 (website: <http://www.sae.org>).

You may inspect the RTCA documents at the FAA office location listed under **ADDRESSES**. However, RTCA documents are copyrighted and may not be reproduced without the written consent of RTCA, Inc.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8879

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8879, IRS e-file Signature Authorization.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 15, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to George Freeland, Internal Revenue Service, room 5577, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* IRS e-file Signature Authorization.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1758.

*Form Number:* 8879.

*Abstract:* Form 8879 is used to allow taxpayers to authorize the Electronic Return Originators to enter the taxpayer's PIN on the electronically filed tax returns.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,000,000.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 41 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,440,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

#### Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to

minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: December 10, 2001.

**George Freeland,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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