

NOTICE

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SUBJ: New Master Minimum Equipment List Publication Process

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice announces an alternative Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL) publication process and provides information to aviation safety inspectors (ASI) responsible for approving minimum equipment lists (MEL) on how to obtain an MMEL published under this process. This notice contains information that is administrative in nature.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is the Flight Standards (FS) Safety Assurance Office ASIs with MEL oversight responsibilities and Aircraft Evaluation Division (AED) Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB) members. The secondary audience includes FS Office of Safety Standards (OSS) personnel.

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.

4. Background. The MMEL is a master list of aircraft instruments and equipment that may be inoperative under certain operational conditions. Operators must develop their MEL based on an MMEL to obtain FAA approval. An MMEL is developed through the FOEB. In the established FOEB process, the FAA is fully responsible for publishing, distributing, and maintaining the MMEL in DRS.

a. The AED has developed an alternate voluntary FOEB process. The new process, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)-Managed FOEB, provides the OEM/type certificate (TC) holder with an opportunity to manage the drafting, publication, and distribution of an MMEL. If an OEM elects to use this process, the OEM is responsible for authoring and publishing the MMEL on their website and making it available to the public.

b. The AED is currently beta testing the OEM-Managed FOEB process. Any FAA-approved MMEL published through this process must have a signed FAA approval page attached. The approval page will contain a hyperlink to the FAA-approved MMEL on the OEM/TC holder's website. The approval page will be published in the same location in DRS as all MMELs and can be found under "MMELs and AED Guidance Documents"—"Master Minimum Equipment Lists (MMEL)." Additionally, the AED Chair will upload the final

approved MMELs into the Safety Assurance System (SAS). Specific SAS search procedures can be found in the AED Shared Information Library, at https://ksn2.faa.gov/avs/afs100/AED%20Shared%20Information%20Library/SAS%20Search%20for%20MMELs_Final.pdf.

c. MMELs published during beta testing that have the signed FAA approval page attached are valid as the basis for operators to develop, and ASIs to approve, an MEL. The AED will publish OEM-Managed FOEB guidance in the forthcoming FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 19, Chapter 5, Section 4 upon completion of beta testing.

d. The established FOEB process in Order 8900.1, Volume 8, Chapter 2, Section 3, Flight Operations Evaluation Board; and Section 4, Serve as a Member of a Flight Operations Evaluation Board, remains the same.

5. Action.

a. ASIs. To ensure ASIs are utilizing an FAA-approved MMEL as a result of the OEM-Managed FOEB process, ASIs should:

(1) Navigate to DRS, under “MMELs and AED Guidance Documents”—“Master Minimum Equipment Lists (MMEL),” to find the most current aircraft MMEL revision.

(2) If the MMEL is a result of the OEM-Managed FOEB process, the FAA approval page (see Figure 1, FAA Approval Page Template) will be signed, contain a link to the OEM/TC holder’s website, and be posted to DRS.

(3) Navigate to the OEM’s website using the link on the signed FAA approval page provided in DRS.


(4) Access the MMEL, which may require establishment of a fee-free account on the OEM/TC holder’s website.

(5) Review the MMEL, ensuring that a signed FAA approval page is attached to the document. Download for ASI use, as appropriate.

Note: An OEM/TC holder posted/published MMEL without a signed FAA approval page is not valid.

(6) For questions on a specific MMEL, contact the AED branch office listed on the signed FAA approval page.

Figure 1. FAA Approval Page Template

	U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Washington, DC
	Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL) Revision: X Date: XXXXX/XXXX
Aircraft Make and Model Aircraft Series	
Manufacturer/ Type Certificate Holder Name MMEL webpage Link	
Flight Operations Evaluation Board (FOEB)	
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Branch Name Aircraft Evaluation Division (AFS-XXX) Address of Branch City, State and ZIP Code 9-AVS-AFS-100@faa.gov	
FAA Approved: _____ Manager, AED Branch Name	
<p>This page must be attached to the FAA Approved MMEL. The MMEL approved herein must be presented exactly as approved by the FAA in its entirety, with no alterations, edits, or missing information. Any modifications render this MMEL invalid.</p>	

b. FOEB Chair. After initial publication of an MMEL under the OEM-Managed FOEB process, the FOEB Chair will validate that an accurate link is posted to DRS for the applicable MMEL. Contact the OEM/TC holder for any connection issues, as appropriate.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into Order 8900.1, Volume 19, Chapter 5 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the AED at 9-AWA-AFS-AED-POLICY@faa.gov.



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