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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is 15 minutes. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of this time estimate or suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to the Tax Forms Committee, Western Area Distribution Center, Rancho Cordova, CA 95743-0001. **DO NOT** send the form to this address. Instead, see **Where To File** below.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-NR to:

- Authenticate the magnetic media portion of **Form 1040NR**, U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Return,
- Send any accompanying paper schedules, statements, and magnetic media,
- Authorize the magnetic media return originator (MMRO) to transmit via a third-party transmitter, and
- Confirm the taxpayer's consent to directly deposit any overpayment into an account of a U.S. financial institution located in the United States.

Who Must File

Every nonresident alien filing a 1996 Form 1040NR via magnetic media must file a signed 1996 Form 8453-NR.

Signature for Multiple-Return Filing

A single signature may be used for a multiple-return filing by a person authorized to sign each return. If you are filing more than one return for which only one signature is provided, write "See attached Multiple-Return Information Listing" in the space provided for the taxpayer's name. You must also attach a Multiple-Return Information Listing according to the instructions given in the Procedures for Magnetic Media Filing of U.S. Nonresident Alien Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040NR, for Tax Year 1996. The information listing must include the name control for each taxpayer, identifying number, and the information requested on lines 1 through 5 of Form 8453-NR for each return.

When To File

Returns filed on magnetic media are due the same dates as Forms 1040NR filed on paper. The transmitter must send the signed Form(s) 8453-NR in the same package with the corresponding tape or diskette.

Where To File

Send Form 8453-NR to:

Internal Revenue Service
Philadelphia Service Center
Attention: DP: 115
11601 Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Part II—Direct Deposit of Refund

Taxpayers who completed lines 60b–60d on Form 1040NR to have their refund directly deposited must also complete Form 8453-NR, Part II.

A check, form, report, or other statement generated by the financial institution should show the routing number and account number. For accounts payable through a financial institution other than the one at which the account is located, the taxpayer should use a document, such as an account statement or account identification card, showing the routing number of the bank or institution where the account is located. A deposit slip should not be used because it can contain internal routing numbers. If there is any doubt about the correct routing number, the taxpayer should contact the financial institution and ask for the correct routing number for direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfers).

Note: *Some financial institutions may not accept direct deposits into accounts that are payable through another bank or financial institution, including credit unions. Also, the financial institution must be a U.S. financial institution located in the United States. The IRS cannot make a direct deposit to a foreign bank or a foreign branch of a U.S. bank.*

Line 6. The routing number **must** be **nine** digits. If it does not begin with 01 through 12 or 21 through 32, the direct deposit will be rejected and a check sent.

Line 7. The account number can be up to 17 characters (both numbers and letters). Include hyphens but omit spaces and special symbols. If fewer than 17 characters, enter the number from left to right and leave the unused boxes blank.

Part III—Declaration of Taxpayer

An income tax return transmitted on magnetic media will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless and until a Form 8453-NR signed by the taxpayer is received by the IRS.

All filers **must** check one of the boxes for line 9.

If the MMRO makes changes to the magnetic media return after Form 8453-NR has been signed by the taxpayer but before it is transmitted and either **1** or **2** below applies, the MMRO must have the taxpayer complete and sign a corrected Form 8453-NR.

1. The total effectively connected income on line 1 differs from the amount on the magnetic media portion of the return by more than \$25, **or**

2. The total tax on line 2, the refund on line 4, or the amount owed on line 5 differs from the amount on the magnetic media portion of the return by more than \$7.

Part IV—Declaration of Magnetic Media Return Originator (MMRO) and Paid Preparer

A paid preparer must sign Form 8453-NR in the space for **Paid Preparer's Use Only**. But if the paid preparer is also the MMRO, do not complete the paid preparer's section. Instead, check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

The IRS requires the MMRO's signature.

Refunds. After the IRS has accepted the return, the refund should be issued within 21 days. However, some refunds may be delayed because of compliance reviews to ensure that returns are accurate.

