

End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set on the Cisco Catalyst 6500

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Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of life dates for the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set on the Cisco Catalyst 6500. Cisco will not have any future development on the firewall feature set beyond the Cisco IOS Software release 12.2SX.F. These features will not be supported on the future releases starting from Cisco IOS Software Release 12.233SX.H. The last day to order the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set is December 29, 2007. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) as shown in Table 1 of the EoL bulletin. Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set

Milestone	Definition	Date
End-of-Life Announcement Date	The date the document that announces the end of sale and end of life of a product is distributed to the general public.	June 30, 2007
End-of-Sale Date	The last date to order the product through Cisco point-of-sale mechanisms. The product is no longer for sale after this date.	December 29, 2007
Last Ship Date: OS SW	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	March 28, 2008
End of SW Maintenance Releases Date: OS SW	The last date that Cisco Engineering may release any final software maintenance releases or bug fixes. After this date, Cisco Engineering will no longer develop, repair, maintain, or test the product software.	December 28, 2008
End of New Service Attachment Date: OS SW	For equipment and software that is not covered by a service-and-support contract, this is the last date to order a new service-and-support contract or add the equipment and/or software to an existing service-and-support contract.	December 28, 2008
End of Service Contract Renewal Date: OS SW	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	March 25, 2012
Last Date of Support: OS SW	The last date to receive service and support for the product. After this date, all support services for the product are unavailable, and the product becomes obsolete.	December 27, 2012

HW = Hardware

OS SW = Operating System Software

App. SW = Application Software

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Recommended Product ID	Recommended Product Description
FR-C6FW	Catalyst 6000 family IOS Firewall Feature Set	WS-SVC-FWM-1-K9	Firewall blade for 6500 and 7600, VFW License Separate
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Product Migration Options

The recommended replacement for the Cisco IOS Firewall Feature Set on the Cisco Catalyst 6500 is the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Firewall Services Module (FWSM). Migrating to the Firewall Services Module provides significant technology and operational management benefits, including:

- Superior performance of up to 5 Gbps throughput, 100,000 connections per second and 1 million concurrent connections.
- The Cisco Catalyst 6500 can support up to four FWSMs within the same chassis providing a total of 20 Gbps of throughput.
- Being an integrated module installed inside a Cisco Catalyst 6500 Series Switch. The FWSM allows any port on the device to operate as a firewall port and integrates firewall security inside the network infrastructure.
- Efficiency and productivity gains: Virtualized FWSM delivers multiple firewalls on one physical hardware platform. Network administrators can configure, deploy, and manage these functions as if they were separate devices. Using virtualization to reduce the number of physical devices in a network significantly reduces the cost and complexity of managing network infrastructure.
- The FWSM modules can be deployed in pairs to provide intra- or inter-chassis stateful failover services that ensure resilient network protection for the most critical environment

For more information about Cisco Catalyst 6500 Firewall Services Module software features, go to http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/modules/ps2706/ps4452/product_data_sheet0900aecd803e69c3.html

Customers can use the Cisco Technology Migration Plan (TMP) to trade in products and receive credit toward the purchase of new Cisco equipment. For more information about Cisco TMP, go to <http://www.cisco.com/go/tradein/>. The Cisco TMP application requires all users to have a Cisco.com user ID.

Customers may be able to continue to purchase the end-of-sale product through Cisco's Authorized Refurbished Equipment program. Refurbished units of the end-of-sale product are available in limited supply for sale in certain countries on a first-come, first-served basis. For information about the refurbished equipment program, go to http://www.cisco.com/en/US/ordering/or6/or17/order_refurbished_equipment_program_description.html.

For More Information

For more information about the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Firewall Services Module, visit http://www.cisco.com/en/US/prod/collateral/modules/ps2706/ps4452/product_data_sheet0900aecd803e69c3.html, or contact your local account representative.

For more information about the Cisco End-of-Life Policy, go to http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/prod_end_of_life.html

To subscribe to receive end-of-life/end-of-sale information, go to <http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/FieldNoticeTool/field-notice>.



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