



End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the Cisco® VPN Encryption Modules for the Cisco 2600/3600/3700 Routers (AIM-VPN and NM-VPN)

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the Cisco® VPN Encryption Modules for the Cisco 2600/3600/3700 Routers (AIM-VPN and NM-VPN). The last day to order the affected products is September 7, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until September 6, 2011.

Table 1 describes the end-of-life milestones, definitions, and dates for the affected product. Table 2 lists the product part numbers affected by this announcement.

Customers are encouraged to migrate to the Cisco VPN Encryption Module Plus (AIM-VPN-II-PLUS) for the Cisco 2600/3600/3700 Routers, which provides the same features as AIM-VPN and has Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) 128, 192 and 256 key performances. Information about the replacement product can be found at http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5853/products_data_sheet0900aecd804ff58a.html.

Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement product.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the Cisco AIM-VPN and NM-VPN Modules

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.	March 9, 2006
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.	September 7, 2006
Last Shipment Date	The last-possible ship date that can be requested of Cisco and/or its contract manufacturers. Actual ship date is dependent on lead time.	December 6, 2006
End of Routine Failure Analysis Date	The last-possible date a routine failure analysis may be performed to determine the cause of product failure or defect.	September 7, 2007
End of New Service Attachment Date	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.	September 7, 2007
End of Service Contract Renewal Date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	December 3, 2010
Last Date of Support	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.	September 6, 2011

Table 2. Product Part Numbers Affected by This Announcement

End-of-Sale Product Part Number	Product Description	Replacement Product Part Number	Replacement Product Description
AIM-VPN/BP	DES/3DES VPN Encryption Module for 2600 Base Performance	AIM-VPN/BPII-PLUS	DES/3DES/AES VPN Encryption/Compression
AIM-VPN/EP	DES/3DES VPN Encryption Module for 2600/3725 Enhanced Performance	AIM-VPN/EPII-PLUS	DES/3DES/AES VPN Encryption/Compression
AIM-VPN/HP	DES/3DES VPN for 3660/3745 High Performance	AIM-VPN/HPII-PLUS	DES/3DES/AES VPN Encryption/Compression
NM-VPN/MP	DES/3DES VPN Encryption Module for 3620/3640 Mid Performance	N/A	N/A

The recommended replacement for the Cisco AIM-VPN and NM-VPN modules is the AIM-VPN-II-PLUS module (Table 3), which provides all the security features and benefits of the Cisco AIM-VPN module at the similar list price, but with added performance for AES 128, 192 and 256 keys.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco AIM-VPN Module	Cisco AIM-VPN-II-PLUS Module
Digital Encryption Standard (DES)/Triple DES (3DES)	Yes	Yes
AES 128, 192, and 256	–	Yes
Compression IP Payload Compression Protocol (IPPCP)	–	Yes
Support for Cisco 2600XM, 3660, 3700, 2800, and 3800	Yes	Yes

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 AIM-VPN-II modules, visit

http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps5853/products_data_sheet0900aecd804ff58a.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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