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End-of-Sale and End-of-Life Announcement for the DC Power Supply of Cisco PIX 525 Security Appliance

Cisco Systems® announces the end-of-sale and end-of-life dates for the DC power supply option for the Cisco® PIX 525 Security Appliance. The Cisco PIX 525 Security Appliance with AC power supply will continue to be available. The last day to order the affected product is May 15, 2006. Customers with active service contracts will continue to receive support from the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) until May 30, 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 ASA 5520 Adaptive Security Appliance with DC power supply bundle, which provides higher firewall and VPN throughput, superior security feature set, extensive enterprise-class resiliency features and more. Information about the replacement product can be found at: <http://www.cisco.com/go/asa>. Table 3 provides relevant information for migrating to the replacement product.

Table 1. End-of-Life Milestones and Dates for the DC Power Supply option for Cisco PIX 525 Security Appliance

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.	April 7, 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.	May 15, 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.	June 1, 2006
End of software maintenance releases date	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.	May 30, 2007
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.	May 30, 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.	May 30, 2007
End of service contract renewal date	The last date to extend or renew a service contract for the product.	November 30, 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.	May 30, 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
PIX-525-DC	Cisco PIX 525 Security Appliance with DC Power Supply, Software, 2 FE Ports	ASA5520-DC-K8	Cisco ASA 5520 Security Appliance with DC Power Supply, Software, 4 GE and 1 FE Ports, DES

PRODUCT MIGRATION OPTIONS

The recommended replacement for the Cisco PIX 525 with DC power supply is the Cisco ASA 5520 with DC power supply bundle. The benefits of upgrading to the Cisco ASA 5520 security appliance are:

- Nearly double the price/performance, featuring higher firewall and VPN performance
- Integrated SSL VPN support
- Ability to add full-featured IPS or anti-X services
- Enterprise class resiliency, VPN load balancing and clustering
- Consistent user experience between the Cisco PIX 525 and Cisco ASA 5520 security appliances.

Table 3 shows that the replacement product, Cisco ASA 5520 Adaptive Security Appliance, is a superior product when compared with the end-of-sale product Cisco PIX 525 Security Appliance.

Table 3. Product Comparisons

Feature	Cisco PIX 525 with DC Power Supply	Cisco ASA 5520 with DC Power Supply
Maximum Firewall Throughput	330 Mbps	450 Mbps
Maximum IPSec VPN Throughput (3DES)	145 Mbps with Cisco PIX VAC+ card	225 Mbps
IPSec VPN Users	2000	750
SSL VPN Users	Not Available	750
Maximum Connections	280,000	280,000
Add-on Unified Threat Management Services	Not Available	Intrusion Prevention Services, Anti-X
High Availability	Active/Active, Active/Standby	Active/Active, Active/Standby, VPN Clustering
Interfaces	2 GE and 2 FE	4 GE and 1 FE

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Cisco ASA 5520 with DC power supply, visit <http://www.cisco.com/go/asa> 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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