



END-OF-LIFE NOTICE, NO. 675

VIP1 END OF SOFTWARE SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION

This Product Bulletin announces the End of Software Support for first-generation Versatile Interface Processors (VIPs) effective in Cisco® IOS® Software Release 11.3. See Table 1 for a list of affected model numbers.

Cisco IOS releases after Cisco IOS Release 11.2 and 11.2P will no longer support VIP1 products. Maintenance support and duration will be tied to Cisco IOS 11.2 End-of-Sale (EoS) and End-of-Engineering (EoE) schedules. This bulletin does not announce the EoS of Cisco IOS Release 11.2. It is provided solely for the purpose of long-range planning for those customers currently using VIP1 products.

RATIONALE

VIP1 products entered EoS on October 1, 1996. The second-generation Versatile Interface Processor (VIP2) provides superior performance, advanced services, and flexible port adapter configurations at comparable prices to the original VIP1 family. In effect, VIP2 is a direct replacement for VIP1. When EoS was announced for VIP1, an aggressive VIP1-to-VIP2 upgrade campaign was made available to provide 1-for-1 replacement without charge. This program is still available for any existing VIP1 user and can be found in the Cisco 7000 and Investment Protection areas of the ISP-BU Website on CEC.

Cisco 7000/7010 customers not wishing to upgrade to the RSP7000 may keep the VIP1 in service since the VIP2 is not supported in RP/SP systems. With only RP/SP customers requiring support for VIP1 in the future, VIP1 support will end in conjunction with the End of Software Support for the Cisco 7000/7010 RP/SP systems which is Cisco IOS Release 11.2 mainline. See Product Bulletin 615, “Cisco 7000/7010 End-of-Sales Announcement,” for more information on Cisco 7000/7010 End-of-Sale.

Customers of VIP1 on Cisco 7500 Series routers may continue to use Cisco IOS Release 11.2 or 11.2P.

PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS END-OF-SOFTWARE SUPPORT

The following products are affected by this End-of-Software maintenance announcement.

Product Number	Description
VIP-FE-TX/1FE-TX	2-Port 100Base-TX Fast Ethernet
VIP-FE-TX	1-Port 100Base-TX Fast Ethernet
VIP-FE-TX/4E	1-Port 100Base-TX Fast Ethernet, 4-Port Ethernet (10BT)
VIP-4E/4T	4-Port Ethernet (10BT), 4-Port Serial
VIP-4R/4T	4-Port Token Ring, 4-Port Serial

PRODUCT STATUS

Milestone	Date	
End-of-Sale	October 1, 1996	After October 1, 1996, the products listed in the table above will no longer be orderable.
End of Software Support Cisco IOS Release 11.2	September 18, 1997	End of Software Support for all VIP1 products. Bug fixes will continue pursuant to Cisco 11.2 software maintenance plans and schedules.
End of Hardware Maintenance	October 1, 2001	After October 1, 2001, no hardware repairs or exchanges will be available for any VIP1 model listed in Table 1.

PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

For Cisco Series 75xx routers and Cisco Series 70x0 routers equipped with the RSP7000, the following products are direct replacements for first-generation VIPs.

End-of-Sales Product	Replacement Product
VIP-1FE-TX/1FE-TX	VIP2-15 Two PA-FE-TX
VIP-1FE-TX	VIP2-15 Two PA-FE-TX
VIP-1FE-TX/4E	VIP2-15 One PA-FE-TX 1 PA-4E
VIP-4E/4T	VIP2-15 One PA-4E 1 PA-4T
VIP-4R/4T	VIP2-15 One PA-4R 1 PA-4T

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