

Telecom restrictions on secondary routers



Article Overview

The FCC restricts the import, sale, and marketing of all new consumer-grade routers produced outside the U.S., effectively limiting secondary routers from foreign sources due to national security concerns.

Overview of FCC Restrictions

On March 23, 2026, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) added all foreign-produced consumer-grade routers to its Covered List, prohibiting new imports, sales, and marketing in the United States unless a conditional exemption is granted by the Department of War or the Department of Homeland Security . This includes routers that are manufactured, assembled, designed, or developed abroad, regardless of the company's nationality . The ban is part of a broader effort to mitigate cybersecurity risks from foreign-made networking equipment exploited in attacks such as the Volt, Flax, and Salt Typhoon campaigns .

Impact on Secondary Routers

Secondary routers—those purchased by consumers to extend or replace ISP-provided devices—are affected if they are foreign-produced. Key points include:

- New foreign routers cannot be sold or imported in the U.S. without FCC authorization .
- Existing routers already deployed in homes or businesses are not recalled and ca...

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The Global Electronics Association estimates over 100 million consumer routers are in active use across the United States . The

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The FCC now classifies foreign-produced routers as covered equipment. As a result, these devices are generally

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Foreign-produced routers that have previously received FCC authorization (as shown by the FCC ID on the device)

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The FCC just banned new foreign-made routers citing national security. We break down what it really means, who is

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local networking espionage and intellectual property theft, foreign-produced routers present additional and unacceptable risks to

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